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1 AN ACT Relating to siting of work release programs; and amending  
2 RCW 72.65.220.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.65.220 and 1994 c 271 s 1001 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department ~~((and))~~, other state agencies that have  
7 responsibility for siting the department's facilities, and private  
8 organizations that contract with the department to operate work release  
9 facilities shall establish a process for early and continuous public  
10 participation in establishing or relocating work release or other  
11 community-based facilities. This process shall include public meetings  
12 in the local communities affected, opportunities for written and oral  
13 comments, and wide dissemination of proposals and alternatives.

14 (2) The department or a private organization that contracts with  
15 the department to operate a work release facility may establish or  
16 relocate a work release or other community-based facility only after  
17 holding local public meetings and providing public notification to  
18 local communities consistent with this chapter.

1           (3) When the department has selected three or fewer sites for final  
2 consideration for site selection of a work release or other community-  
3 based facility, notification shall be given and public hearings shall  
4 be held in the final three or fewer local communities where the siting  
5 is proposed. Additional notification and a public hearing shall also  
6 be conducted in the local community selected as the final proposed  
7 site, prior to completion of the siting process. All hearings and  
8 notifications shall be consistent with this chapter.

9           (4) Throughout this process the department shall provide  
10 notification to all newspapers of general circulation in the local area  
11 and all local radio stations, television stations, and cable networks.

12           (5) Notice shall also be provided to appropriate school districts,  
13 private schools, kindergartens, city and county libraries, and all  
14 other local government offices within a one-half mile radius of the  
15 proposed facility.

16           (6) In addition, the department shall also provide notice to the  
17 local chamber of commerce, local economic development agencies, and any  
18 other local organizations that request such notification from the  
19 department.

20           (7) Notification in writing shall be provided to all residents and/  
21 or property owners within a one-half mile radius of the proposed site.

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