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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Lambert, Ballasiotes, Clements, McMorris, Talcott, Costa, Backlund, Cooke, Huff, Delvin and Thompson)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the monitoring of supervised offenders under the
- 2 jurisdiction of the state department of corrections; adding a new
- 3 section to chapter 43.10 RCW; and creating new sections.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that increased 6 communications between local law enforcement officers and the state
- 7 department of corrections' community corrections officers improves
- 8 public safety. Improved public safety is accomplished through shared
- 9 monitoring and supervision of offenders living in the community under
- 10 the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections. Participating
- 11 local law enforcement agencies and the local offices of the state
- 12 department of corrections have implemented, on a pilot basis, the
- 13 supervision management and recidivist tracking program, whereby each
- 14 entity provides mutual assistance to the other with supervising
- 15 offenders living within the boundaries of local law enforcement
- 16 agencies. Through shared information and coordinated supervision, the
- 17 supervision management and recidivist tracking program has helped local
- 18 law enforcement solve crimes faster or prevented future criminal
- 19 activity by reporting offender's sentence violations in a more timely

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- manner to state community corrections officers. Information collected 1 in the field by local law enforcement related to serious offenders 2 under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections is 3 4 electronically transferred to the office of the attorney general's homicide investigative tracking system. Field information entered into 5 system is electronically transferred to the department of 6 7 corrections' community corrections officer responsible for the offender 8 and remains in the homicide investigative tracking system where it is 9 accessible to the department of corrections and law enforcement 10 throughout the state. The expansion of the supervision management and 11 recidivist tracking program is needed to improve public safety for lawabiding citizens throughout the state.
- 13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW 14 to read as follows:
- 15 The office of the attorney general may contract with the city of 16 Redmond's police department, the Washington state department of corrections, or any other state, local, or private agency necessary for 17 18 implementation of supervision management and recidivist tracking 19 program partnerships to include the development of a state-wide computer linkage between the attorney general's homicide investigative 20 tracking system, local police departments, and the state department of 21 22 corrections.
- 23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for purposes of this 24 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by 25 June 30, 1997, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and 26 void.

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