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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; creating a new section; and making  
4 appropriations.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that increased  
7 communications between local law enforcement officers and the state  
8 department of corrections' community corrections officers improves  
9 public safety. Improved public safety is accomplished through shared  
10 monitoring and supervision of offenders living in the community under  
11 the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections. Participating  
12 local law enforcement agencies and the local offices of the state  
13 department of corrections have implemented, on a pilot basis, the  
14 supervision management and recidivist tracking program, whereby each  
15 entity provides mutual assistance to the other with supervising  
16 offenders living within the boundaries of local law enforcement  
17 agencies. Through shared information and coordinated supervision, the  
18 supervision management and recidivist tracking program has helped local  
19 law enforcement solve crimes faster or prevented future criminal

1 activity by reporting offender's sentence violations in a more timely  
2 manner to state community corrections officers. Information collected  
3 in the field by local law enforcement related to serious offenders  
4 under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections is  
5 electronically transferred to the office of the attorney general's  
6 homicide investigative tracking system. Field information entered into  
7 the system is electronically transferred to the department of  
8 corrections' community corrections officer responsible for the offender  
9 and remains in the homicide investigative tracking system where it is  
10 accessible to the department of corrections and law enforcement  
11 throughout the state. The expansion of the supervision management and  
12 recidivist tracking program is needed to improve public safety for law-  
13 abiding citizens throughout the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 The office of the attorney general may contract with the city of  
17 Redmond's police department, the Washington state department of  
18 corrections, or any other state, local, or private agency necessary for  
19 implementation of supervision management and recidivist tracking  
20 program partnerships to include the development of a state-wide  
21 computer linkage between the attorney general's homicide investigative  
22 tracking system, local police departments, and the state department of  
23 corrections. Moneys shall be spent for computer hardware and software,  
24 initial start-up costs, and other costs fundamental to the  
25 establishment of supervision management and recidivist tracking program  
26 partnerships in local communities.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one million five hundred thousand  
28 dollars, or as much as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal  
29 year ending June 30, 1998, from the state general fund to the office of  
30 the attorney general for the purpose of implementing the supervision  
31 management and recidivist tracking partnership program. The sum of  
32 five hundred thousand dollars, or as much as may be necessary, is  
33 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, from the state  
34 general fund to the office of the attorney general for the purpose of

- 1 implementing the supervision management and recidivist tracking
- 2 partnership program.

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