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Sponsor(s): Senators Long, Haugen, Goings and Winsley

Brief Title: Adopting the community justice act.

SB 5960 - DIGEST

Declares that the intended purposes of this act, the community justice act, are to: (1) Create a mechanism to encourage local community control of community corrections programs;

(2) assist local government in developing community-based correctional programs that meet local community needs for safety, punishment, accountability, treatment, and resources;

(3) encourage the use of a range of community-based correctional strategies;

(4) introduce restorative justice concepts to encourage more frequent opportunities to repair the victim, community, and offender through the sentencing process;

(5) encourage active participation by victims and the community in community-based correctional programs;

(6) hold the offender accountable; and

(7) reduce the likelihood of future criminal behavior.