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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Koster, Lovick
and Ballasiotes; by request of Department of Corrections)

Brief Title: Prescribing requirements for sex offender examinations
and treatment.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/99)

Provides that sex offender examinations and treatment ordered as a special condition of community placement or community custody under this act shall be conducted only by sex offender treatment providers certified by the department of health under chapter 18.155 RCW unless the court finds that: (1) The offender has already moved to another state or plans to move to another state for reasons other than circumventing the certification requirements; and

(2) no certified providers are available for treatment within a reasonable geographic distance of the offender's home, as determined by the department of corrections.

Declares that an offender sentenced to participate in treatment as part of his or her community placement or community custody sentence is not exempt from treatment if a treatment provider is not located within a reasonable geographic distance of the offender's home.