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Brief Description: Protecting communities located in close proximity to the special commitment center and the less restrictive alternative treatment facility, and mitigating for the effects of these facilities.

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Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, before siting and operating a less restrictive alternative treatment facility housing thirty or more sexually violent predators on court-ordered conditional release, the department shall, as provided in the final siting criteria statement issued by the department in November 2000, develop siting and safety criteria for the facility with the assistance of the secure placement advisory committee and provide the public opportunity for review and comment.

Declares that the state may not site and operate an additional less restrictive alternative facility for sexually violent predators on court-ordered conditional release from the special commitment center as provided in RCW 71.09.090 in a county where the special commitment center and the less restrictive alternative treatment facility established pursuant to section 2, chapter . . ., Laws of 2001 (House Bill No. 2223) are located.

Provides that a sexually violent predator who is a resident of a less restrictive alternative treatment facility established pursuant to section 2, chapter . . ., Laws of 2001 (House Bill No. 2223) may not be released from the facility or allowed to leave the facility, even if escorted, until the state has entered into a mitigation agreement as required under this act.

Requires the state to enter into a mitigation agreement with the county in which the less restrictive alternative treatment facility established pursuant to section 2, chapter . . ., Laws of 2001 (House Bill No. 2223) is located and with each city located within a ten-mile radius of the facility that will ensure state funding in an amount adequate to fully mitigate anticipated or realized increased costs in law enforcement resulting from the increased risks to public safety brought about by the presence of sexually violent predators in those communities due to the siting of the facility.