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Sponsor(s): Senators Fraser, Costa, Long, Winsley and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Regulating siting of sex offender treatment facilities.

**SB 5845 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to:

(1) Enhance public safety and maximize the potential for successful treatment of sexually violent predators through the secure and tightly controlled use of less restrictive alternatives in community-based secure housing facilities;

(2) Maximize the safety of communities in which secure facilities are located and ensure public input into secure housing facilities by enabling community participation in decisions involving these essential public facilities; and

(3) Improve public safety by strengthening the safeguards in placement, oversight, and monitoring of the persons released to a less restrictive alternative in a secure residential facility, and by establishing minimum standards for the siting and operation of secure residential facilities.

Finds that community participation in siting and oversight is vital to the success of secure facilities for less restrictive alternatives.