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Sponsor(s): Senators Hewitt, Sheahan, Hargrove, Long, T. Sheldon, McCaslin, Morton and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Providing criteria for siting of treatment facilities for sexually violent predators.

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Provides that a less restrictive alternative ordered after January 1, 2001, may not be located in any community unless the legislative authority of the city, town, or county with land use planning authority for the site has first approved such location.

Directs the department to make every effort to ensure that less restrictive alternative small housing units are allocated equitably among the counties, taking into account the burden already placed on each county as a result of:

- (1) The number of sex offenders registered in such county;
- (2) The number of total offenders under community supervision residing in such county; and
- (3) Other less restrictive alternative small housing units already located or planned to be located in such county.

Authorizes the department to establish a less restrictive alternative housing facility housing more than three residents at one time only after receiving legislative approval of department-proposed criteria for the siting, securing, programming, and staffing of such a facility.

Directs the department to revoke the sex offender treatment certification of any treatment provider who intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with gross negligence violates the requirements of RCW 71.09.092 or 71.09.096 pertaining to treatment providers.