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Sponsor(s): Senators Long and Hargrove

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to high-risk sex offenders.

**SB 6151 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to ensure the prompt siting and timely operation of a secure community transition facility on McNeil Island in furtherance of the treatment, management of these offenders in the community, and other purposes of chapter 71.09 RCW.

Finds that there are some sex offenders who might become eligible for civil commitment but who are more appropriately managed through the criminal justice system, both because they may be inappropriate for civil commitment and because the legislature has a fiscal responsibility to the people of Washington to manage community safety in the most cost-effective manner to meet the needs of the public and the offenders.

Declares an intent, therefore to address the sentencing and supervision of offenders who commit certain sex offenses.

Authorizes the secretary to site and operate a secure community transition facility for sexually violent predators on court-ordered conditional release from the special commitment center as provided under RCW 71.09.090, on McNeil Island.

Declares that, notwithstanding RCW 36.70A.103 or any other law, until December 31, 2003, to the extent siting a secure community transition facility on McNeil Island is inconsistent with local comprehensive plans and/or development regulations, this statute preempts and supersedes those local plans and regulations.

Declares that nothing in this act limits the state's authority to site an essential public facility under RCW 36.70A.200 in conformance with local comprehensive plans and development regulations.

Repeals RCW 9.95.0011.