

**SHB 1609** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that numerous changes  
4 to the sentencing reform act, chapter 9.94A RCW, as reported by the  
5 sentencing guidelines commission, have resulted in increases in the  
6 length of local jail and state prison sentences and in the number of  
7 local jail and state prison inmates. The intent of the sentencing  
8 reform act, particularly provisions regarding protection of the public,  
9 reduction of the risk of reoffense, and making frugal use of state and  
10 local government resources, would best be served, in many instances, by  
11 local and state corrections authorities sharing resources and  
12 jurisdiction over regional correctional facilities.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Not later than December 31, 2003, the  
14 sentencing guidelines commission shall present to the legislature a  
15 plan for establishing pilot regional correctional facilities.

16 (2) The plan for establishing pilot regional correctional  
17 facilities must include, but is not limited to, the following:

18 (a) A plan for increasing the space availability in local and  
19 county jails for pretrial detainees;

20 (b) An efficient and effective plan for joint use of total  
21 confinement beds by local and state government;

22 (c) A description of proposed shared and/or revised jurisdiction  
23 and operational responsibility, including the possibility of  
24 establishing a regional corrections authority;

25 (d) A summary of proposed changes to the criminal code reflecting  
26 revised housing jurisdiction;

27 (e) A plan to account for the inmate population eligible for  
28 placement in pilot regional correctional facilities which includes:

1 Pretrial detainees, inmates serving sentences of sixty days to twenty-  
2 four months, and inmates serving terms of confinement totaling more  
3 than one year.

4 (i) Other than pretrial detainees, only inmates serving sentences  
5 of sixty days to twenty-four months are eligible for placement in  
6 regional correctional facilities.

7 (ii) Regional correctional facilities must accept inmates serving  
8 terms of confinement totaling more than one year;

9 (f) A review of treatment services and programs intended to meet  
10 the needs of special populations including drug and substance abuse,  
11 mental health, and special medical needs;

12 (g) An estimate of potential benefits to local and county jail  
13 operators and to the state, which could be realized by implementation  
14 of pilot programs;

15 (h) A proposed method for identifying pilot regional correctional  
16 facility sites;

17 (i) A methodology for evaluating the costs benefit of operation of  
18 pilot facilities; and

19 (j) Recommendations for sharing capacity, resources, and funding of  
20 the construction and operation cost of the facilities."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "facilities;" strike the  
22 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

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