
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2863

State of Washington

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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Santos, Voloria, Kenney, Pettigrew, Murray, Darneille and Upthegrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing public notices of public health,
2 safety, and welfare in a language other than English; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 1.20 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) State agencies required by law or rule to provide public
8 notices to a community or area to advise or inform the public about an
9 imminent or emergent public health, safety, or welfare risk shall
10 provide bilingual or multilingual notices when a significant segment of
11 residents speak a language other than English and have a limited
12 proficiency in English. This requirement applies to notices that
13 include, but are not limited to, proposed locations for criminal
14 facilities or facilities that would house sex offenders. This
15 requirement does not apply to the adoption of rules under chapter 34.05
16 RCW.

17 (2) "Significant segment," for purposes of this section, means five

1 percent or more of the residents residing in the affected city, town,
2 or county who are of limited English proficiency.

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