
HOUSE BILL 2863

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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 shall provide public notices, whether required
8 by law or rule, in a language other than English if a significant
9 segment of the affected community or area is of limited English
10 proficiency and speaks a language other than English. This requirement
11 is only for notices that involve a public health, safety, or welfare
12 concern, including, but not limited to, proposed locations of
13 facilities that would house sex offenders, or proposed locations for
14 criminal facilities.

15 (2) "Significant segment," for purposes of this section, means five
16 percent or more of the citizens living in the affected community or
17 area who speak a language other than English, or ten thousand or more

1 individuals residing in the county who speak a language other than
2 English.

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