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By Representatives Santos, Pettigrew, Voloria and Sullivan

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1 AN ACT Relating to selecting the locations for community
2 corrections field offices operated by the department of corrections;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 72.09 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 72.09 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) When selecting a location for a field office to be used by
8 community corrections officers, the department must perform an analysis
9 of the surrounding area. The analysis must identify the following
10 types of facilities located within a three-mile radius of each proposed
11 location:

12 (a) Local jails;

13 (b) State mental hospitals;

14 (c) Secure community transition facilities; and

15 (d) Any facility operated by the department or the department of
16 social and health services that is used to house five or more adult or
17 juvenile offenders who are in the custody of, or being supervised in
18 the community by, the state. Such a facility includes, but is not
19 limited to, a prison, a facility operated by the juvenile

1 rehabilitation administration of the department of social and health
2 services, a group home, a prerelease facility, and a work release
3 facility.

4 (2) The department shall refrain from locating a field office to be
5 used by community corrections officers within one mile of any facility
6 listed in subsection (1)(a) through (d) of this section unless to do so
7 is necessary to preserve public safety.

8 (3)(a) Once a final site for a field office has been selected under
9 this section, the department shall conduct a public hearing in the
10 community where the office will be located.

11 (b) To provide adequate notice of, and opportunity for interested
12 persons to comment on, a proposed location, the department shall
13 provide at least fourteen days' advance notice of the meeting to:

14 (i) All newspapers of general circulation in the community;

15 (ii) All radio and television stations generally available to
16 persons in the community;

17 (iii) Any school district in which the proposed field office would
18 be located or whose boundary is within two miles of the proposed field
19 office;

20 (iv) Any library district in which the proposed field office would
21 be located;

22 (v) Local business or fraternal organizations that request
23 notification from the department; and

24 (vi) Any resident or property owner within a one-half mile radius
25 of the proposed field office.

26 (4) This section does not apply to locations for field offices
27 selected before the effective date of this act.

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