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Sponsor(s): Representatives Tom, Kagi, Rockefeller, O'Brien and Hudgins

Brief Description: Increasing community service requirements for DUI offenses.

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Provides that a person who is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 and who has no prior offense within seven years shall be punished by being required to perform not less than two hundred hours of community service. The two hundred hours of community service may not be suspended or deferred unless the court finds that the imposition of this mandatory minimum sentence would impose a substantial risk to the offender's physical or mental well-being. Whenever the mandatory minimum sentence is suspended or deferred, the court shall state in writing the reason for granting the suspension or deferral and facts upon which the suspension or deferral is based.

Declares that "community service" means service that is performed in aid of the parks department or equivalent agency or department of the county or municipality in which the offense occurred and that is performed while wearing distinctive and highly visible clothing such as may be worn by inmates of the local jail facility and which is prominently marked with the words "DUI Offender."