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Sponsor(s): Senators Hargrove and Stevens

Brief Description: Improving communication regarding offenders with treatment orders. Revised for 1st Substitute: Improving collaboration regarding offenders with treatment orders.

SB 6358 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to clarify the standards for commitment and improve the coordination between the department of corrections and mental health and chemical dependency treatment providers to enhance public safety by improving compliance with treatment and supervision orders and by providing both treatment providers and the department of corrections with more current, complete information about the offender's status.

Directs the department of social and health services and the department of corrections to develop a training plan for department employees, contractors, and necessary mental health service providers and chemical dependency treatment providers covering the information sharing processes for offenders with treatment orders and terms of supervision in the community.

Directs the department of corrections and the department of social and health services, together with the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys to develop a model for multidisciplinary case management and release planning of offenders classified as having high resource needs in multiple service areas.

Provides that the department of social and health services shall assess the current and needed capacity for crisis response and ongoing treatment for persons in need of treatment for mental disorders and chemical dependency. In addition to considering the demand for persons with either a mental disorder or chemical dependency, the assessment shall consider the demand for services for mentally ill offenders, and persons with co-occurring disorders, mental disorders caused by traumatic brain injury or dementia, and drug induced psychosis.

Requires the department to provide the appropriate committees of the legislature with its assessment by December 1, 2004.