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HOUSE BILL 1828

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By Representatives Leavitt, Kilduff, and Morgan

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1 AN ACT Relating to the siting of community-based facilities  
2 serving civilly committed persons with violent histories; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of social and health  
6 services shall convene a work group to examine the siting of  
7 community-based facilities statewide serving individuals who are  
8 civilly committed pursuant to RCW 71.05.280(3) who have a history of  
9 violent and assaultive behaviors and sexually violent predators as  
10 defined in chapter 71.09 RCW.

11 (2) The work group membership must be composed of the following:

12 (a) One representative of the behavioral health administration;

13 (b) One representative of the aging and long-term support  
14 administration;

15 (c) One representative of both western state hospital and eastern  
16 state hospital;

17 (d) One representative of the managed care organization or  
18 behavioral health administrative services organization entities;

19 (e) One representative of the Washington association of sheriffs  
20 and police chiefs;

1 (f) One representative of the Washington association of  
2 prosecuting attorneys;

3 (g) One representative of the Washington association of counties;

4 (h) One representative of the association of Washington cities;

5 (i) One representative from the department of corrections;

6 (j) One representative from the licensed home and community-based  
7 facility and services community;

8 (k) One consumer and family advocate representative;

9 (l) One representative from the local nonprofit mental health  
10 provider community; and

11 (m) One community member representing neighborhoods and  
12 communities.

13 (3) The work group shall provide a report to the appropriate  
14 committees of the legislature not later than December 1, 2019, with  
15 recommendations for policy changes that balance public safety, and  
16 individual due process and liberty interests. Recommendations may be  
17 made on the following subjects as they relate to individuals civilly  
18 committed pursuant to RCW 71.05.280(3) who have a history of violent  
19 and assaultive behaviors and sexually violent predators as defined in  
20 chapter 71.09 RCW:

21 (a) Community-based facility siting guidelines to assist with the  
22 equitable statewide distribution of civilly committed persons with  
23 violent histories;

24 (b) The adequacy of home and community-based facilities and  
25 services, treatment options and providers, and supportive services  
26 upon discharge;

27 (c) Discharge processes and services that adequately protect  
28 patients, residents, and the community; and

29 (d) System strategies to improve information sharing between the  
30 state hospitals, behavioral health system providers, law enforcement,  
31 courts, and communities and remove barriers to treatment and  
32 discharge while promoting public safety.

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