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By Senate Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (originally sponsored by Senators Darneille, Hasegawa, Nguyen, Das, and Wilson, C.)

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1 AN ACT Relating to corrections; and amending RCW 72.09.010.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.09.010 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 19 s 2 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 It is the intent of the legislature to establish a comprehensive
6 system of ~~((corrections))~~ rehabilitation and reentry for ~~((convicted~~
7 ~~law-violators))~~ individuals involved in the criminal justice system
8 within the state of Washington to accomplish the following
9 objectives.

10 (1) The system should ~~((ensure—the))~~ improve public safety by
11 focusing on positively changing lives. The system should be designed
12 and managed to provide: ~~((the))~~

13 (a) The maximum feasible safety for the persons and property of
14 the general public, the staff, and the ~~((inmates))~~ individuals
15 involved in the criminal justice system; and

16 (b) The resources and guidance necessary to support an
17 individual's success throughout the rehabilitation and reentry
18 process.

19 (2) The system is responsible for the enforcement of sentences
20 imposed for either incarceration or community supervision. This
21 enforcement is generally limited to the denial of civil liberties.

1 The system should (~~punish the offender for violating the laws of the~~
2 ~~state of Washington. This punishment should generally be limited to~~
3 ~~the denial of liberty of the offender~~) cultivate an environment of
4 integrity and trust; promote inclusion, equity, and respect for
5 others; and provide opportunities for personal growth and change.

6 (3) The system should positively impact (~~offenders~~) the
7 physical, mental, and emotional security and well-being of
8 individuals involved in the criminal justice system by (~~stressing~~
9 ~~personal responsibility and accountability~~) understanding
10 individuals, instilling hope, embracing change, and by discouraging
11 recidivism.

12 (4) The system should (~~treat all offenders~~) promote a
13 respectful environment by treating all individuals involved in the
14 criminal justice system fairly and equitably without regard to race,
15 religion, sex, national origin, residence, or social condition.

16 (5) The system, as much as possible, should reflect the values of
17 the community, including:

18 (a) (~~Avoiding idleness. Idleness is not only wasteful but~~
19 ~~destructive to the individual and to the community~~) Focusing on
20 positive growth and well-being. Individuals must use the
21 rehabilitation and reentry process to embrace change, reflection, and
22 transformation.

23 (b) Adoption of the work ethic. It is the community expectation
24 that all individuals should work and, through their efforts, benefit
25 both themselves and the community.

26 (c) Providing opportunities for self-improvement. All individuals
27 should have opportunities to grow and expand their skills and
28 abilities so as to fulfill their role in the community.

29 (d) Linking the receipt (~~or denial~~) of privileges to
30 responsible behavior and accomplishments. The individual who works to
31 improve himself or herself and the community should be rewarded for
32 these efforts. (~~As a corollary, there should be no rewards for no~~
33 ~~effort.~~)

34 (e) Sharing in the obligations of the community. All citizens,
35 the public, and (~~inmates~~) individuals involved in the criminal
36 justice system alike, have a personal and fiscal obligation in the
37 (~~corrections~~) rehabilitation and reentry system. All communities
38 must share in the responsibility and mission of the (~~corrections~~)
39 rehabilitation and reentry system.

1 (6) The system should provide for prudent management of
2 resources. The avoidance of unnecessary or inefficient public
3 expenditures (~~on the part of offenders and the department~~) is
4 essential. (~~Offenders~~) Individuals involved in the criminal justice
5 system must be accountable to the department, and the department in
6 turn must be accountable to the individuals involved in the criminal
7 justice system and to the public and the legislature. The human and
8 fiscal resources of the community are limited. The management and use
9 of these resources can be enhanced by wise investment(~~(7)~~) in
10 productive rehabilitation and reentry programs and responsive and
11 ongoing staff training, the reduction of duplication and waste, and
12 (~~the joining together of all involved parties~~) by coordinating and
13 partnering with stakeholders and communities in a common endeavor.
14 (~~Since most offenders return to the community, it is wise for the~~
15 ~~state and the communities to make an investment in effective~~
16 ~~rehabilitation programs for offenders and the wise use of resources~~)
17 The system should be transparent and use outcome-based measurements
18 to evaluate program effectiveness, manage process performance,
19 improve efficiency, and reduce costs.

20 (7) To the extent possible, the state and communities should
21 redirect, leverage, and maximize resources to:

22 (a) Focus on positive reentry transition services through
23 partnerships with community-based organizations and government
24 agencies;

25 (b) Reduce prison violence by using data-informed methods,
26 cognitive behavioral interventions, and risk mitigation;

27 (c) Improve individual engagement and community supervision
28 reporting by adopting alternatives to confinement and connecting
29 individuals with transition and reentry resources;

30 (d) Adopt individualized and structured continuity of care plans
31 to coordinate treatment between community and government agencies and
32 continue care after release;

33 (e) Promote and sustain a culture of acceptance, respect, and
34 inclusion for staff to increase productivity, job satisfaction,
35 communication practices, and retention; and

36 (f) Manage capacity constraints through gender responsive
37 classification tools and nonconfinement options for community
38 supervision sanctions.

39 (8) The system should provide for restitution as part of the
40 rehabilitation and reentry process for individuals involved in the

1 criminal justice system. Those who have damaged others, persons or
2 property, have a responsibility to make restitution for these damages
3 to move forward positively.

4 ((+8)) (9) The system should be accountable to the citizens of
5 the state. In return, the individual citizens and local units of
6 government must meet their responsibilities to make the
7 ((corrections)) rehabilitation and reentry system effective.

8 ((+9)) (10) The system should meet those national standards
9 which the state determines to be appropriate.

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