H-4972.1

## SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2164

State of Washington 54th Legislature 1996 Regular Session

**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Benton, Pelesky, Smith, Hargrove and Campbell)

Read first time 02/05/96.

1 AN ACT Relating to arming community corrections officers; and 2 adding a new section to chapter 72.02 RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.02 RCW 5 to read as follows:

б (1) Community corrections officers may, at their discretion, carry 7 firearms during the course of their official field duties. The department shall not be responsible for providing or paying for any 8 materials, equipment, 9 or training associated firearms, with 10 implementation of this policy. A community corrections officer who chooses to be armed pursuant to this section shall, at his or her own 11 12 expense, arrange for and complete any necessary training. In addition, 13 a community corrections officer who chooses to be armed pursuant to 14 this section shall, at his or her own expense, provide his or her own 15 firearm as well as any associated materials and equipment needed by the community corrections officer in order to carry a firearm. 16

p. 1

1 (2) Nothing in this section may be construed as making community 2 corrections officers eligible for membership in the law enforcement 3 officers' and firefighters' retirement system under chapter 41.26 RCW.

--- END ---