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By Senators O'Ban, Conway, Darneille, and Chase

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Mental Health & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to community policing at western state hospital  
2 and the surrounding areas; and adding a new section to chapter 72.23  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.23  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Western state hospital shall enter into a contract with the  
8 city in which it is located for the provision of community policing  
9 services at the hospital and in the surrounding areas.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, community policing services  
11 includes, but is not limited to, a neighborhood patrol officer,  
12 community service officer, and detective or investigator to  
13 proactively address public safety issues at the hospital such as  
14 interacting with the public to increase communication between city  
15 government and the public, investigating complaints of patient and  
16 staff related incidents, and conducting training.

17 (3) Beginning in fiscal biennium 2015-2017, the contract  
18 described in subsection (1) of this section must be no less than four  
19 hundred sixty-two thousand dollars. In each subsequent fiscal

1 biennium, the contract must increase by one percent, but may never  
2 exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars.

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