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1 AN ACT Relating to essential public facilities; and amending RCW
2 36.70A.200.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.200 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The comprehensive plan of each county and city that is planning
7 under this chapter shall include a process for identifying and siting
8 essential public facilities. Essential public facilities (~~include~~)
9 are those that are critical for the protection of the public health and
10 safety or those public facilities that are typically difficult to site,
11 such as airports, state education facilities and state or regional
12 transportation facilities, state and local correctional facilities, and
13 solid waste handling facilities(~~, and in-patient~~)). Essential public
14 facilities may also include facilities owned, operated, or licensed by
15 the state that are essential for the operation of state programs,
16 including substance abuse facilities, mental health facilities, and
17 group homes.

18 (2) The office of financial management shall maintain a list of
19 those types of essential (~~state~~) public facilities owned, operated,

1 or licensed by the state that are required or likely to be built or
2 needed by a state agency for its programs within the next six years.
3 The office of financial management may at any time add facilities to
4 the list. Public facilities owned, operated, or licensed by the state
5 that are not critical to the protection of public health and safety or
6 not typically difficult to site shall not be listed by the office of
7 financial management as essential public facilities.

8 (3) No local comprehensive plan or development regulation may
9 preclude the siting of essential public facilities.

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