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Sponsor(s): Senators Costa, Hargrove and Long

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to sex offender treatment providers.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that the state needs an increasing number of certified sex offender treatment providers to treat sexually violent predators and meet the state's commitment to long-term treatment, help reduce recidivism, and more adequately provide for the community.

Recognizes that these treatment providers offer a valuable service to the people of Washington and may experience difficulty maintaining adequate liability protection given the inherent uncertainties of providing treatment to sexually violent predators.

Declares an intent to provide very limited immunity, for instances of simple negligence only, to certified sex offender treatment providers for their treatment decisions involving sexually violent predators released to a less restrictive alternative under chapter 71.09 RCW.