

1 **SHB 1764** - H AMD

2 By Representative Carrell

3 On page 1, line 13, after "skill." insert "In addition, courts
4 must be accountable for their decisions regarding pretrial release
5 of certain persons."

6 On page 2, after line 15, insert the following:

7 "**Sec. 4.** RCW 10.19.170 and 1996 c 181 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Notwithstanding CrR 3.2, a court who releases a defendant
10 arrested or charged with a violent offense as defined in RCW
11 9.94A.030 on the offender's personal recognizance or personal
12 recognizance with conditions must state on the record the reasons
13 why the court did not require the defendant to post bail.

14 (2) The court shall notify the public of its decision regarding
15 pretrial release by publishing a notice on the court's website or
16 the county's website in which the court is located, or if no such
17 website is available, submitting for publication a notice to the
18 weekly or daily county newspaper that receives legal notices when:

19 (a) The court releases a defendant charged with a serious
20 violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 on the defendant's
21 personal recognizance, bail, or other pretrial release conditions;
22 and

23 (b) The court's pretrial release decision was different from
24 the pretrial release recommendation made by the prosecuting
25 attorney."

26 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct the title.

EFFECT: If a court releases a defendant charged with a serious violent offense on the defendant's personal recognizance, bail, or other conditions and the court's decision was different than the prosecutor's recommendation, then the court must post a notice on the court's website or county's website, or if no website is available, then submit a notice for publication in the weekly or daily county newspaper. Adds language to the

intent section.