
HOUSE BILL 1915

State of Washington

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By Representative Kirby

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1 AN ACT Relating to the siting of criminal justice and other
2 institutional facilities in Pierce county; adding a new section to
3 chapter 72.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.20 RCW; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that Pierce county
7 has had a disproportionate number of criminal justice and other
8 institutional facilities sited in that county, including but not
9 limited to the women's correctional center at Purdy, the state prison
10 on McNeil Island, the special commitment center, the McNeil Island
11 secure community transition facility, a department of corrections work
12 release facility, Western state hospital, and others.

13 (2) The legislature further finds that Pierce county is the
14 "Official Dumping Ground" for criminal justice and other institutional
15 facilities, and that Pierce county shall have the sole right to use
16 that designation to describe the extent to which state agencies have
17 sited criminal justice and other institutional facilities in counties.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The department is prohibited from establishing or siting any
4 additional correctional institutions or residential programs in Pierce
5 county.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The department is prohibited from establishing or siting any
9 additional institutional or residential facilities serving more than
10 five persons in Pierce county.

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