

2849-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Cody, Campbell, Bush
and Schual-Berke; by request of Department of Health)

Brief Description: Eliminating credentialing barriers for sex
offender treatment providers.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Eliminates credentialing barriers for sex offender treatment
providers.

Directs the department to issue an affiliate certificate to
any applicant who meets the following requirements: (1) Successful
completion of an educational program approved by the secretary or
successful completion of alternate training which meets the
criteria of the secretary;

(2) Successful completion of an examination administered or
approved by the secretary;

(3) Proof of supervision by a certified sex offender treatment
provider;

(4) Not having engaged in unprofessional conduct or being
unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety as a result of
a physical or mental impairment; and

(5) Other requirements as may be established by the secretary
that impact the competence of the sex offender treatment provider.

Declares that certified sex offender treatment providers and
certified affiliate sex offender treatment providers may perform or
provide the following service: Treatment of convicted level I and
level II sex offenders who are sentenced and ordered into treatment
pursuant to chapter 9.94A RCW and adjudicated juvenile level I and
level II sex offenders who are sentenced and ordered into treatment
pursuant to chapter 13.40 RCW.