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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that, in order to
4 improve the safety of our communities, more housing needs to be made
5 available to registered sex offenders. The legislature also finds that
6 registered sex offenders who reside in close proximity to one another,
7 or in the same housing or apartment unit, are less likely to reoffend.
8 The legislature finds that having registered sex offenders reside in
9 close proximity to each other will improve supervision and monitoring.
10 The legislature intends to increase the housing available to sex
11 offenders by providing that landlords who rent to registered sex
12 offenders shall be immune from civil liability for damages that may
13 result.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 A landlord who rents to a registered sex offender is immune from
17 civil liability for damages caused by the tenant. In order for a
18 landlord to be protected from liability as provided under this section,
19 a landlord must disclose to residents of the property that he or she
20 rents or has a policy of renting to sex offenders.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington association of sheriffs
22 and police chiefs shall conduct a study on sex offender registration
23 and sex offender housing laws in every state. The study may be limited
24 to a review and analysis of each state's laws regarding: (a) Whether
25 and how often sex offenders are required to report in person to law
26 enforcement; (b) whether and how often law enforcement is required to
27 make in-person contact with registered sex offenders in the community;
28 (c) the characteristics of sex offenders subject to registration

1 requirements; (d) estimates on the costs and benefits of more frequent
2 in-person contact between law enforcement and sex offenders in the
3 community; (e) restrictions on or supports for sex offender housing
4 units in the community regarding housing more than one offender in the
5 same residence; and (f) the costs and benefits of permitting or
6 encouraging housing in the community for more than one sex offender in
7 the same residence.

8 (2) The findings and any recommendations from the study shall be
9 placed into a final report to the appropriate committees of the
10 legislature no later than December 31, 2006."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "landlords;" strike the
12 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
13 59.18 RCW; and creating new sections."

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