HOUSE BILL 1344

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By Representatives P. Sullivan, Simpson and Dunn

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1 AN ACT Relating to a web site for information on fugitives; adding 2 a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The legislature finds that some offenders, often known as escapees or fugitives, willfully discontinue to make themselves available to the department of corrections for supervision by making their whereabouts unknown or by failing to maintain contact with the department as required by their community custody officers.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW 10 to read as follows:

11 The department of corrections shall, within available resources, 12 establish a public list, on the department's available web site, of all 13 persons deemed escapees or fugitives from the department. The 14 department shall focus the web site on those escapees and fugitives 15 considered high risk offenders. The department shall submit a report 16 to the legislature by December 31, 2005, on the progress of the web 17 site. NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2005, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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