

HB 1349 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that many persons who are released from involuntary mental health treatment in an inpatient setting would benefit from an order for less restrictive treatment in order to provide the structure and support necessary to facilitate long-term stability and success in the community.

Declares an intent to make it easier to renew orders for less restrictive treatment following a period of inpatient commitment in cases in which a person has been involuntarily committed more than once and is likely to benefit from a renewed order for less restrictive treatment.

Provides that public safety is enhanced when a designated mental health professional or developmental disabilities professional is able to file a petition to revoke an order for less restrictive treatment under RCW 71.05.340 before a person who is the subject of the petition becomes ill enough to present a likelihood of serious harm.