SENATE BILL 5105

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By Senators Carrell, Conway, Stevens, Schoesler, Becker, and Shin

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AN ACT Relating to the conditional release of persons committed as criminally insane to their county of origin; and adding a new section to chapter 10.77 RCW.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 10.77 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 In determining whether to support an application for (1)conditional release on behalf of a person committed as criminally 8 9 insane which would permit the person to reside outside of a state 10 hospital, the secretary may not support a conditional release application to a location outside the person's county of origin unless 11 it is determined by the secretary that the person's return to his or 12 13 her county of origin would be inappropriate considering any courtissued protection orders, victim safety concerns, negative influences 14 15 on the person, or the location of family or other persons or 16 organizations offering support to the person.

17 (2) If the committed person is not conditionally released to his or18 her county of origin, the department shall provide the law and justice

1 council of the county in which the person is conditionally released 2 with a written explanation.

3 (3) For purposes of this section, the offender's county of origin
4 means the county of the court which ordered the person's commitment.

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