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By Senators Holy, Dhingra, King, Liias, J. Wilson, Salomon, and Valdez

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1 AN ACT Relating to policing costs driven by proximity to state
2 hospitals; and adding a new section to chapter 72.23 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.23
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A community partnership program is established between the
7 department and the city of Medical Lake to support community policing
8 efforts at eastern state hospital and adjacent areas.

9 (2) The community partnership program between the department and
10 the city of Lakewood to support community policing efforts at western
11 state hospital and adjacent areas is hereby recognized and
12 perpetuated.

13 (3) Funding to support the community partnership programs
14 described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be
15 provided annually by the state to the cities of Medical Lake and
16 Lakewood in an amount to be determined in the biennial budget which
17 reflects anticipated service levels and costs. The design of each
18 program may vary to reflect individual community needs. The aggregate
19 amounts provided to each city's program must fairly reflect the
20 relative size of each state hospital and individual community needs,

1 and are in addition to any appropriation provided for payment for
2 police services.

3 (4) The department shall collect data from the cities of Medical
4 Lake and Lakewood on the use of funds and the number of calls
5 responded to by the community policing programs and submit a report
6 with this information to the office of financial management and the
7 appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature annually by December
8 1st of each year.

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