

RCW 43.06C.020 Office created—Purpose. Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, there is hereby created an office of corrections ombuds within the office of the governor for the purpose of providing information to inmates and their families; promoting public awareness and understanding of the rights and responsibilities of inmates; identifying system issues and responses for the governor and the legislature to act upon; and ensuring compliance with relevant statutes, rules, and policies pertaining to corrections facilities, services, and treatment of inmates under the jurisdiction of the department.

The ombuds reports directly to the governor and exercises his or her powers and duties independently of the secretary. [2018 c 270 § 2.]

Sunset Act application: See note following chapter digest.