
SENATE BILL 5048

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By Senators Long, Hargrove, Winsley and Costa

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1 AN ACT Relating to less restrictive alternative mental health
2 commitments; and amending RCW 71.05.285.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.05.285 and 1997 c 112 s 23 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ((For the purposes of continued)) In determining whether an
7 inpatient or less restrictive alternative commitment under the process
8 provided in RCW 71.05.280 and 71.05.320(2) is appropriate, ((in
9 determining whether or not the person is gravely disabled,)) great
10 weight shall be given to evidence of a prior history or pattern of
11 decompensation and discontinuation of treatment resulting in: (1)
12 Repeated hospitalizations; or (2) repeated peace officer interventions
13 resulting in juvenile offenses, criminal charges, diversion programs,
14 or jail admissions. Such evidence may be used to provide a factual
15 basis for concluding that the individual would not receive, if
16 released, such care as is essential for his or her health or safety.

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