

**RCW 71.05.285 Additional confinement—Prior history evidence.**

In determining whether an inpatient or less restrictive alternative commitment under the process provided in RCW 71.05.280 and 71.05.320(4) is appropriate, great weight shall be given to evidence of a prior history or pattern of decompensation and discontinuation of treatment resulting in: (1) Repeated hospitalizations; or (2) repeated peace officer interventions resulting in juvenile offenses, criminal charges, diversion programs, or jail admissions. Such evidence may be used to provide a factual basis for concluding that the individual would not receive, if released, such care as is essential for his or her health or safety. [2018 c 201 s 3011; 2001 c 12 s 1; 1997 c 112 s 23.]

**Findings—Intent—Effective date—2018 c 201:** See notes following RCW 41.05.018.