

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires public agencies to inform the local public safety coordinating council (LPSCC) of agency intent to site residences for individuals under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board in the council's locality. Expands duties of the LPSCCs to include appointment of a facility advisory subcommittee for reviewing agency proposals. Establishes time frames for subcommittee response. Expands subcommittee membership from three to six members to include mental health consumers and advocates.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statutory role of local public safety coordinating councils
- Communication with local law enforcement, mental health directors, local governments, consumers, and advocates
- Increased transparency
- Role of Psychiatric Security Review Board in siting process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) was created in 1978 with the primary purpose of protecting the public through an ongoing review of the progress of those placed under its jurisdiction and a determination of their appropriate placement.

Community opposition to siting halfway houses, work release, juvenile centers and other residential treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods often is intense. House Bill 2052-A makes the process of choosing sites for these facilities more transparent. The measure, which resulted from a stakeholder workgroup, designates local law enforcement and mental health officials as points of contact between agencies and the community.

Additionally, House Bill 2052-A ensures that specific information will be provided to each local public safety coordinating council and provides a system by which agencies and officials address the concerns of the council's subcommittee.