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DOC Work Release Advisory Committee To Meet Wednesday

OLYMPIA – The Department of Corrections’ (DOC) Work Release Advisory Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 3) at the Ramada Suites SeaTac Airport Conference Room in SeaTac.

The committee will help DOC determine which counties and groups of counties have unmet needs for work release facilities. Legislation passed this year requires DOC to make substantial efforts to equitably distribute new work releases and other community-based corrections facilities.

Over the next decade, DOC plans to double its current work release capacity of 670 beds. The existing beds are located in 15 facilities in Yakima, King, Spokane, Whatcom, Thurston, Cowlitz, Pierce, Kitsap, Clark and Benton counties.

The members of the committee, and the organizations they represent, are: Ida Ballasiotes, Families and Friends of Violent Crime Victims and the Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates; Thurston County Prosecutor Ed Holm, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Monroe Police Chief Tim Quenzer, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Pierce County Superior Court Judge John Hickman, Superior Court Judges’ Association; Spokane City Councilperson Nancy McLaughlin, Association of Washington Cities and Mason County Commissioner Ross Gallagher, Association of Washington Counties.

Marie Sullivan, government relations director at the state Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and Anne Fiala, a DOC Assistant Deputy Secretary, will represent state agencies.

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