

# FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CLOSURE OF STATE INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

**Background and Purpose.** As part of its 2009-2011 operating appropriations outlined in HB 1244, the Washington Legislature charged the Office of Financial Management with conducting a feasibility study for closing state institutional facilities and to create a plan to eliminate beds in Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions. Facilities to be studied and beds to be eliminated include:

- Prison facilities operated by DOC that house adults convicted of a criminal offense (1,580 beds)
- Rehabilitation facilities operated by DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (Green Hill or Maple Lane School - 235 beds)
- Residential Habilitation Centers operated by DSHS, Aging and Disability Services (250 beds)

**Project Team:** OFM has contracted with a consultant team led Christopher Murray & Associates. Other team members include Davis Deschaies (developmental disabilities specialist), BERK (impact and financial analysis) and a team of architects and engineers led by Ambia.

**Stakeholder Consultation.** The project team will consult with stakeholders, including:

- OFM and agency staff (DOC and DSHS)
- Statewide labor union representatives
- Host communities (potentially affected cities, towns, counties, and school districts)
- Legislative staff, elected officials, and other potentially affected stakeholder groups

**Report Requirements.** According to the legislation, the report shall include:

- A recommendation and a plan to eliminate beds through closure or consolidation
- An assessment of each facility studied
- Where and how services should be provided
- Any costs or savings associated with each recommendation.

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## Project Overview and Timeline

### Project Start-Up and Early Analysis JULY 2009

- Understand the current facilities, their missions, capacities and utilization
- Understand the needs of facility residents
- Begin stakeholder meetings

### Analyze Potential Impacts, Costs, and Savings JULY through MID-SEPTEMBER 2009

- Complete stakeholder meetings
- Assess the impact closures or consolidations could have on:
  - Facility residents and their family members
  - Employees
  - Communities (cities, towns, counties, etc.) where facilities are located
- Estimate and compare the State's long-term costs and savings for potential closure/consolidation scenarios
  - Calculate capital and operating costs
  - Analyze secondary impacts

### Develop Recommendations, Implementation Plans and Write Draft Report SEPTEMBER 2009

### Submit Draft Report to OFM OCTOBER 1, 2009

### Submit Final Report to OFM OCTOBER 22, 2009

### OFM Submits Final Report to Governor and Legislature NOVEMBER 1, 2009