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## **HB 1750** CIVIL SERVICE HIRING FOR SHERIFF DEPUTIES

When hiring, Sheriffs must offer employment to a candidate on a statewide list of three candidates provided by the civil service hiring commission.

Counties vary dramatically and such a limited pool greatly restricts finding the best fit and negatively affects retention.

**City police and fire chiefs that have civil service rules have been allowed the flexibility to consider a larger pool of candidates since 1937.**

**WACO and County Sheriffs propose to amend RCW to include the same language in the RCW applicable to city police and fire chiefs.**

This proposal would provide Sheriffs a greater ability to recruit and retain the best possible force for their county directly resulting in increased public safety.