

RCW 71.05.130 Duties of prosecuting attorney and attorney general. In any judicial proceeding for involuntary commitment or detention except under RCW 71.05.201, or in any proceeding challenging involuntary commitment or detention, the prosecuting attorney for the county in which the proceeding was initiated shall represent the individuals or agencies petitioning for commitment or detention and shall defend all challenges to such commitment or detention, except that the attorney general shall represent and provide legal services and advice to state hospitals and state facilities with regard to all provisions of and proceedings under this chapter other than proceedings initiated by such hospitals and facilities seeking 14-day detention. [2025 c 226 s 4; 2015 c 258 s 4; 1998 c 297 s 7; 1991 c 105 s 3; 1989 c 120 s 4; 1979 ex.s. c 215 s 8; 1973 1st ex.s. c 142 s 18.]

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Short title—2015 c 258: See note following RCW 71.05.201.

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