

MOTION NO. 2631

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2 A MOTION stating Council policy regarding
3 sponsorship of criminal offender detention
4 and rehabilitation facilities; requesting
5 the Executive to analyze the feasibility of the
6 county's constructing a new correctional
7 facility.

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Rehabilitative Services is res-
9 ponsible for detention of prisoners sentenced to the King County
10 Jail, and

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Rehabilitative Services is res-
12 ponsible to administer various prisoner rehabilitative programs
13 within its principal function of detention, and

14 WHEREAS, the King County Jail maintains an average daily
15 population of over six hundred prisoners in varying status of
16 detention, and

17 WHEREAS, the State Courts and the Department of Social and
18 Health Services are more and more emphasizing the concept of
19 community based corrections, and

20 WHEREAS, current state correctional facilities are over-
21 crowded resulting in the housing of criminal offenders within
22 facilities lacking diagnostic and rehabilitative services by
23 virtue of their geographic location, and

24 WHEREAS, King County is not opposed to the concept of
25 community based corrections when planning and the funding of
26 community programs represents a coordinated effort on the part
27 of the state and local jurisdictions, and

28 WHEREAS, to expand services in the field of corrections in
29 King County would require additional facilities as the present
30 space is being used to capacity and is inadequate for the purpose
31 of incorporating acceptable design and program standards deemed
32 appropriate for modern detention and rehabilitation programs,
33 and

WHEREAS, legislation, Fourth Substitute House Bill No. 93,
is currently being discussed on the state level which would

1 provide local jurisdictions with funds for the capital construc-
2 tion of correctional facilities, and

3 WHEREAS, legislation currently being discussed would strongly
4 encourage multi-jurisdictional cooperations and consolidation of
5 present correctional services, and

6 WHEREAS, King County should play a leading role in advancing
7 the concept of community based corrections through advocating
8 the construction of a multi-purpose facility capable of providing
9 detention and rehabilitation services, and

10 WHEREAS, the construction of a multi-purpose correctional
11 facility by King County within an urban setting would provide the
12 most logical base to link other governmental services with
13 criminal offender rehabilitation programs involving work-release,
14 job development, counseling and related social services, and

15 WHEREAS, the construction of a regional corrections facility
16 would provide a unique opportunity for King County to coordinate
17 planning with designated state agencies in providing rehabilita-
18 tive services to state maintained criminal offenders prior to
19 their release from state institutions, services to criminal offen-
20 ders who will be returning to King County upon release, and

21 WHEREAS, a regional corrections facility offers participating
22 jurisdictions the opportunity for reducing present operating
23 costs through consolidation of services.

24 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

25 The Council endorses and requests passage of state legis-
26 lation, Fourth Substitute House Bill No. 93, now being discussed
27 which would provide local jurisdictions funds to construct new
28 and expanded correctional facilities.

29 The Council requests that the Executive join with the
30 Council in urging the passage of proposed legislation by the
31 Washington State Legislature.

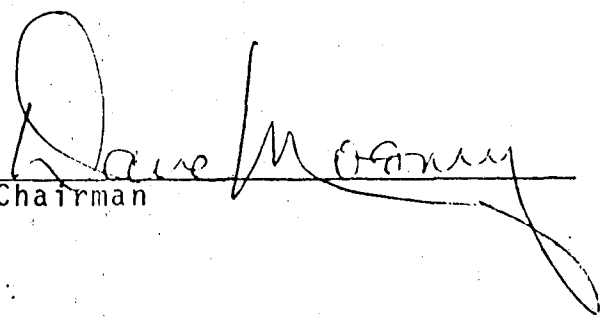
32 The Executive is requested to study the feasibility of the
33 County's constructing a regional corrections and criminal offender

1 rehabilitation facility. The feasibility study to examine the
2 concept of multi-jurisdictional participation, potential costs,
3 methods of financing, potential services and the mix of such
4 services as compared to a potential level of criminal population.

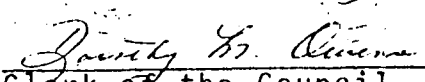
5 It is the intent of the Council that an examination of the
6 feasibility of constructing such a facility at this time would
7 provide the county the flexibility to quickly react to changes
8 in or the passage of funding legislation now being discussed by
9 the Washington State Legislature.

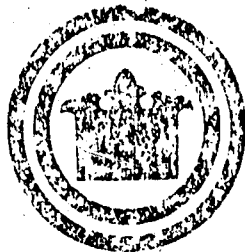
10 PASSED this 16th day of August, 19 76.

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12 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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16 Chairman

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19 ATTEST:

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23 Clerk of the Council



King County Council
Tracy J. Owen, *Chairman*
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August 16, 1976

The Honorable John D. Spellman
King County Executive
KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE

SUBJECT: Regional Based Detention Facilities

Dear Mr. Spellman:

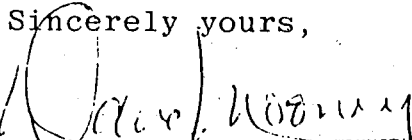
In regular session on August 16, 1976, the Council passed Proposed Motion #76-612 requesting your support of state legislation, Fourth Substitute House Bill No. 93, which would provide local jurisdictions with funds for the capital construction of correctional facilities. The Motion also requests that a study be undertaken by the County Executive to ascertain the feasibility of the County's constructing a regional rehabilitation facility. Such a study should examine:

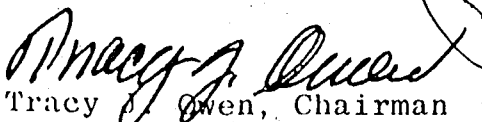
- 1) potential for multi-jurisdictional participation;
- 2) potential costs;
- 3) methods of financing;
- 4) potential services; and
- 5) the mix of potential services compared to a potential level of criminal population.

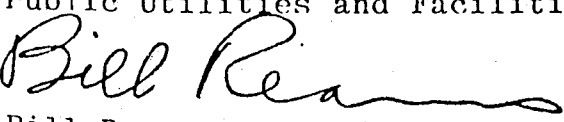
The crowding at the King County Jail and at this state's major penitentiaries could be eased by the construction of regional based facilities located within major urban areas. Such facilities would enhance rehabilitation by being located where inmates on work release programs would have greater opportunities for employment.

The Council recognizes that the request for a feasibility study will impact your staff, and has set aside time at the Public Utilities and Facilities Committee meeting of August 23, 1976 for you or your representative to present an approach for conducting the study.

Sincerely yours,


Dave Mooney, Chairman


Tracy J. Owen, Chairman
Public Utilities and Facilities


Bill Reams, Chairman
Operations, Police and Judiciary