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Introduced by: Paul Barden
Gary Grant
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MOTION NO. 3753

A MOTION requesting funding for eight correction officer positions.

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for the Department of Rehabilitative Services to guard and escort prisoners from the jail to appropriate destinations and return, and

WHEREAS, there has been extensive use of overtime by the Department of Rehabilitative Services to provide staff coverage of this important function, and

WHEREAS, an analysis of overtime expenditures for the first five months of 1978 indicates an annualized projected overtime expenditure of approximately \$135,000 for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, public safety officers are currently assigned to escort prisoners to Western State Hospital and transfer prisoners from the jail to courtrooms, and

WHEREAS, such assignment represents a questionable utilization of police manpower to perform duties commonly assigned to corrections officers, and

WHEREAS, considerable budgetary savings and improved manpower utilization could be realized by adding eight new correction officer positions to the Department of Rehabilitative Services to guard prisoners at Harborview Medical Center and escort them to Western State Hospital,

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

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The County Executive is requested to forward to the Council, a draft ordinance to appropriate funds in the approximate amount of \$40,000 to provide eight additional correction officer positions in the Department of Rehabilitative Services of which two shall be assigned primarily to escort prisoners to Western State Hospital and six shall be assigned primarily to guard prisoners at Harborview Medical Center.

The County Executive is further requested to make provision for continuation of these positions in his proposed 1979 County budget.

PASSED this 2nd day of October, 1978.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Paul Chow
VICE Chairman

ATTEST:

Rosmary M. Owens
Deputy Clerk of the Council