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Introduced by Gary Grant
Proposed No. 80-750

Motion No. 4940

A MOTION requesting that the State Jail Commission reconsider its funding allocation decision of June 12, 1980 with regard to the King County Jail project.

Whereas, the Washington State Legislature enacted the City and County Jails Act, now codified as RCW Chapter 70.48 in order to provide a humane and safe environment in all city and county jails; and

Whereas, the legislature declared it to be necessary to accomplish the purpose of said City and County Jail Act to provide adequate funds to enable units of local government to fully comply with the physical plant minimum standards for detention and correctional facilities; and

Whereas, the legislative intent of said statute is to provide full funding to units of local government for necessary remodeling and/or new construction of jail facilities in order to meet such physical plant standards; and

Whereas, King County applied for funding on January 31, 1980 to the Commission, which subsequently approved a capacity of 1229 beds and a maximum funding level of approximately 57 million dollars; and

Whereas, the Commission developed and adopted priorities for jail construction or remodeling funding, which designated King County as the second highest priority project of all 26 submitted to the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission allocated only \$4.7 million dollars to King County for construction of a work education release

center, which is only partial funding and ignores the demonstrated need of King County as established by the Commission's own actions; and provides funds for a portion of King County's project which standing alone does not comply with physical standards promulgated by the Commission; and

Whereas, King County houses over one-third of the state's jail population, but was allocated only 5% of the funds actually available to the Commission; and

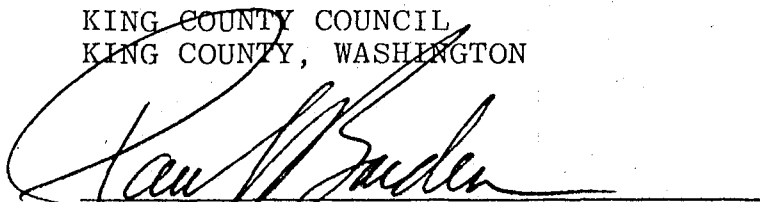
Whereas, the allocation decision was made without meaningful opportunity for comment or response from the affected jurisdictions and against the recommendation of the Director of the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:


The State Jail Commission should reconsider its funding allocation decision of June 12, 1980 as to King County at a meeting to be called as soon as possible; such reconsideration to be in light of the language and intent of the statutory and regulatory mandate to the Commission that it fully fund projects in accordance with its adopted priorities.

PASSED this 23rd day of June, 1980.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council