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Introduced by: Barden/ Sims

Proposed No.: 86-279

MOTION NO. 6557

A MOTION relating to courtroom security and requesting the executive to submit alternatives for council consideration.

WHEREAS, the King County council has by Motion 5907, approved February, 1984, determined the need to improve superior court courtroom security measures and now reaffirms that courtroom security can be better improved to protect citizens and public servants, particularly in domestic and juvenile hearings, and

WHEREAS, the nature and function of court bailiffs has been changed by the judicial branch to deemphasize the security aspects of the role bailiffs have traditionally played in the courtroom, and

WHEREAS, in 1984 the council adopted an \$8,000 supplemental to provide courtroom security through the use of retired police officers and in 1986 the budget did provide \$14,240 to hire additional security through overtime police officers on a need basis, and

WHEREAS, this additional allocation of resources does not satisfy the concerns of superior court, and

WHEREAS, the executive has established a pilot program to provide courtroom security in 1986 and to determine courtroom security needs and recommendations in anticipation of a 1987 budget proposal.

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

The King County executive is hereby requested to submit to the county council alternative proposals to improve security in superior court. Alternatives should include, but not be limited to: consideration of the utilization of retired police officers, assigned police officers, and commissioning of bailiffs. The proposal should also take into consideration the continuation of the current overtime program.

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PROVIDED further, a report on the alternatives shall be submitted for council consideration in anticipation of the 1987 budget no later than August 30, 1986. The alternatives should take into consideration the current and prospective financial condition of the county and other funding priorities of the county and include reordering the priority of other expenditures as necessary.

PASSED this 27th day of May, 1986.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Audrey Linger
Chair

ATTEST:

Jonathan M. Owens
Clerk of the Council