

BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to jail services; authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for the provision of Jail Services; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

The City of Seattle currently contracts with King County to house all inmates with misdemeanor charges from Seattle Municipal Court in the County’s jail facilities. The King County contract sets an inmate average daily population (ADP) cap of 266 beds in 2015 and the City has exceeded this cap with use of more than 280 beds this year. In 2010, Seattle began a four year contract with Snohomish County, using an average of 60 beds a day. In December 2013, Snohomish County terminated the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) due to internal capacity issues.

In July 2015, Snohomish County jail offered its services to house Seattle inmates again and negotiated a contract with the City. The legislation authorizes the Mayor to execute an ILA with Snohomish County for supplementary jail services that will decrease the inmate population at the King County jail and reduce annual costs. While the cap with King County could be re-negotiated, there is a significant cost savings in sending inmates to Snohomish County (see table below).

The ILA with Snohomish County will be effective from the date of signature through 2017, allowing two three-year extensions if mutually agreeable. It may be terminated by either party with 90 days written notice. The City will be charged for jail services based on its actual usage and no charges will be incurred if the City doesn’t use any jail beds at Snohomish County.

Annual Jail Rate Comparison for 60 Beds (using 2015 rates)

	King County			Snohomish County		
	Fee	Bookings / ADP	Estimated Cost	Fee	Bookings / ADP	Estimated Cost
Booking Fee	\$ 105	300	\$ 31,626	\$ 115	830	\$ 95,450
Maintenance Day Fee	\$ 139	60	\$3,041,253	\$ 84	60	\$ 1,839,600
Transport Cost per Day	\$ -	-	-	\$ 329	156	\$ 51,246
TOTAL			3,072,879			1,986,296

Notes on the Cost Estimates:

- Bookings: In 2014, Seattle had an average of 25 people per month who report from out of

custody to serve a jail sentence (typically people serving a 1 or 2 day jail sentence for DUI). The *King County* (KC) calculations assume a monthly average of 25 people reporting to serve a jail sentence. Since all other KC inmates are already booked, they are not counted for this comparison of costs. The *Snohomish County* calculations include both people reporting from out of custody to serve a sentence as well as the number of people the City would transfer from King County Jail.

2. The maintenance day calculations assume a daily average of 60 jail inmates (ADP). This is an estimate based on previous daily averages at Snohomish County from 2011-2013. Under the terms of the agreement with Snohomish County, the City will only pay for the actual number of jail beds used.
3. Snohomish County will charge a daily transport fee of \$328.50 to transport inmates from King County to Snohomish County. This estimate assumes that there will be 3 transports per week.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

The Jail Services 2015 Adopted Budget in Criminal Justice Contracted Services assumes a cost savings due to the use of a secondary jail provider. The King County/Snohomish County cost comparison above shows a savings to the City of over \$1 million annually by using a secondary entity.

- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

While the King County Department of Adult & Juvenile Detention has capacity to house all Seattle Inmates at this time, they may not in the future.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

The Seattle Police Department has two jail population management coordinators who manage the inmate transfers. They will need to re-establish a protocol with Snohomish County on the transfer of inmates and reporting requirements. The Seattle Municipal Court will develop operational procedures when sentencing inmates to Snohomish County. Both departments have reviewed this ILA.

- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

This legislation could impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities in how family and friends can visit with inmates if they are further away from Seattle. Snohomish County currently utilizes on-site video visiting. In early 2016, the County expects to have web based visitation in place allowing family and friends to video visit from anywhere in the world through an internet connection with a camera and mic (such as smartphone, tablet, computer, etc.).

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

N/A.

i) Other Issues: None

List attachments below: N/A