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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4412

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By Representatives Alexander and Murray

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            WHEREAS, Changes in sentencing, criminal laws, and community  
2 corrections have increased the number of inmates and the length of time  
3 served in local jails; and

4            WHEREAS, Public health and safety depends on having sufficient  
5 space in jails for persons who constitute a danger to society, have  
6 violated parole, or who otherwise legally should be in jail but are not  
7 due to a lack of available space; and

8            WHEREAS, There is a need for additional bed space for violent  
9 offenders; and

10           WHEREAS, Many jails will need to be replaced or remodeled over the  
11 next ten to twenty years; and

12           WHEREAS, Local governments need financial assistance in  
13 constructing new jails or making improvements to existing jails; and

14           WHEREAS, The Legislature periodically has provided assistance to  
15 local governments in the past to build or renovate jails;

16           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
17 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select  
18 committee on local jail facility is established to review alternatives  
19 to address capacity needs through local jails and regional jails,  
20 review funding options to address construction of new facilities and

1 modernization of outdated and decaying jails, and review funding  
2 options for the cost of operating jail facilities; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of twelve  
4 members, six members each selected by the Co-Speakers of the House of  
5 Representatives and the President of the Senate and that the committee  
6 be represented by two members each from the House Capital Budget  
7 Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Local Government  
8 Committee, four members from the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and  
9 two members from the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and  
11 recommendations to the Legislature at the regular session held in 2002.

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