

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2541

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Expanding authority for interlocal agreements for jail services.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Jarrett, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Dickerson, Edwards, Miloscia, Morell, Rockefeller, Haigh and Linville).

House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Background:

Counties may contract for jail services with a city located within the boundaries of the county or with other counties. However, a county or a city cannot contract for jail services with another city that is located outside of its county boundaries. Jail services include allowing a prosecuting city or county to confine a person convicted of an offense, punishable by imprisonment in a jail, in a county or city where jail services are contracted.

Summary:

The provision that limits contracts for jail services between a county and cities located within its county borders is expanded.

Counties and cities may contract for jail services in any city or county. In addition, jail services are expanded allowing a prosecuting city or county to incarcerate a person, (charged or convicted with an offense) in any county or city jail where services are contracted. Any jurisdiction that confines a person in another county must provide private telephone, video-conferencing, or in-person contact between the defendant and his or her public defense counsel.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0
Senate 44 0 (Senate amended)
House 94 0 (House concurred)

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