

***Capital Budget Committee***

***HCR 4412***

***Brief Description:*** *Establishing a joint select committee on local jail facilities.*

***Sponsors:*** *Representatives Alexander and Murray.*

***Brief Summary of Bill***

- *Creates a twelve member joint select committee to review local jail facility needs and funding alternatives and report its findings and recommendations to the 2002 Legislature.*

***Hearing Date:*** *3/8/01*

***Staff:*** *Susan Howson (786-7142).*

***Background:***

*The Legislature has provided financial assistance to local governments in the past to build or renovate jails. Examples of this assistance include a 1983 program funded by \$144 million in state bonds and a \$3 million state bond appropriation for the Yakima jail in 1991. Since 1998, the Legislature has appropriated an additional \$4.1 million to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for a local government competitive grant program funded from federal Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing grant moneys. The DOC administers these funds to local governments for the purpose of constructing, developing, expanding, modifying or improving local jails and other local correctional facilities to increase bed capacity.*

***Summary of Bill:***

*A joint House and Senate committee on local jail facilities is appointed to review alternatives to address capacity needs through local and regional jails, review funding options to address construction of new facilities and modernization of outdated and decaying jails, and review funding options for the cost of operating jail facilities.*

*The joint committee consists of six members from the House of Representatives and six members from the Senate, including two members each from the House Capital Budget Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Local Government Committee, four members from the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and two members from the Senate State and Local Government Committee. The committee must report its findings and recommendations to the 2002 Legislature.*

***Appropriation: None.***

***Fiscal Note: Not Requested.***