
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8429

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By Senators Thorsness, Niemi, Erwin and A. Smith

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1 WHEREAS, The frugal use of state and local resources is essential
2 to the state; and

3 WHEREAS, The state financial resources dedicated to adult
4 corrections will double by 1996, not including additional funding for
5 capital construction; and

6 WHEREAS, Most placements for adult offenders in Washington are
7 operating at or above capacity; and

8 WHEREAS, The numbers of adult offenders requiring some type of
9 criminal justice placement is estimated to increase by forty thousand
10 by 1996, over forty-three percent; and

11 WHEREAS, The costs of offender placements vary dramatically;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
13 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the
14 sentencing guidelines commission continue development of sentencing
15 alternatives relating to the legislative and gubernatorial mandates to
16 emphasize alternatives to confinement for nonviolent offenders, with

1 special emphasis on the treatment of offenders addicted to controlled
2 substances; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition to the agencies and
4 interests represented by the commission membership, the sentencing
5 guidelines commission seek the involvement of members of the business
6 community, education community, treatment community, and local
7 government; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the efforts of the sentencing
9 guidelines commission involve and be coordinated with the joint
10 legislative task force on sentencing of adult criminal offenders; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the sentencing guidelines commission
12 examine the economic and social relationship of criminal sanctions in
13 maintaining public safety to other essential state programs such as
14 education, health, and welfare; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the sentencing guidelines commission
16 report its findings and recommendations to the governor and legislature
17 no later than December 31, 1992.