



Coordinating Council – Public Safety Jail Project
Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon
Thursday, October 11, 2012, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

JAIL HOUSING SUMMARY

Utilization of Jail Beds Outside Skagit County

Example Costs (present day):

Snohomish County Jail

Daily rate \$65.00 plus transport costs (transport averages \$100 per month per inmate)
Annual cost: daily rate: \$23,725.00 plus 12 months of transport: 1,200.00
Total Annual cost per inmate: \$24,925.00 per year

Yakima County Jail

Daily rate \$57.00 (includes up to 3 transports per week)
Total Annual cost for per inmate: \$ 20,805.00 per year

Estimates of Inmate Shipping Costs into the future¹:

(Projected population from Voorhis (revised 9/14/12): Using 1988 – 2003 Reduced Incarceration rates)

2015 - Projected 240 ADP – (170 existing beds) = 70 shipped inmates = \$1.4 M to \$1.7M per year
2020 - Projected 275 ADP – (170 existing beds) = 105 shipped inmates = \$2.2 M to \$2.6M per year
2030 - Projected 361 ADP – (170 existing beds) = 191 shipped inmates = \$3.9 M to \$4.8 M per year
2040 – Projected 462 ADP – (170 existing beds) = 292 shipped inmates = \$6.0 M to \$7.3 M per year

Factors Limiting the Number of Skagit County Inmates Available For Outside Housing:

It is oftentimes difficult to house Skagit County inmates at other facilities. This may make it impossible to house the projected overcrowding at another facility due to the following reasons:

- 1) Inmates with frequent court appearances require frequent transportation. Approximately 60% of the current jail population are pre-sentence with frequent court appearances.
- 2) Some inmates are needed for trustee work
- 3) Some inmates are not eligible for outside housing.
- 3) There is a lack of holding space in current facility for those inmates transported back.

¹ In 2012 dollars, not adjusted for inflation