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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

With the enactment of Ordinance No. 87-85, the County adopted facility standards for the Whatcom County Jail. This ordinance was eventually codified under Chapter 1.28 of the Whatcom County Code, Standards for Correctional Facilities. These standards were originally adopted to comply with RCW 70.48.071, a new state law requiring Counties to adopt standards for correctional facilities. At that time, Whatcom County elected to adopt existing state standards and, over time, those standards have changed, become outdated and/or have been repealed. The County is currently operating under WCC 1.28, a code with outdated standards that expose the County to the risk of civil liability. As a result, the Prosecutor Attorney's Office has recommended that the Sheriff request the County Council to adopt an ordinance repealing the current provisions in Chapter 1.28 of the Whatcom County Code in their entirety, and replacing it with the provisions in Exhibit "A."