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TO: Whatcom County Council

FROM: Jill Nixon, Legislative Coordinator 

SUBJ: Ordinance amending the Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force (AB2018-352)

The proposed Ordinance will amend Whatcom County Code 2.46, to amend the Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force purpose, function, membership, and organization; to repeal Whatcom County Code 2.19, Law and Justice Council; and to designate the Task Force to serve as the Law and Justice Council (AB2018-352). Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 72.09.300 requires each County to have a Law and Justice Council. Whatcom County's existing Law and Justice Council has not met since 2008.

The Incarceration Prevention & Reduction Task Force reviewed and suggested amendments to the draft ordinance amending the Task Force at its meeting on November 26, 2018. Those suggested amendments were incorporated into the ordinance being introduced.

Attached is a table of the current Task Force membership, the RCW requirements for Law and Justice Council membership, and the proposed new membership. Also attached is RCW 72.09.300.

Please contact Councilmembers Donovan or Buchanan if you have questions or concerns.