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To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administration
Subject: Interlocal Cooperative Agreement
Date: 07/20/2026

Enclosed is one (1) original of the Cooperative Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom and Skagit Counties for the secure custody and confinement of juvenile offenders, for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

The purpose of this cooperative interlocal agreement is to provide for secure custody and confinement of juvenile offenders in Whatcom and Skagit Counties, reciprocally as needed. The agreement addresses the logistical considerations for each county housing juvenile offenders under the jurisdiction of the other county. This agreement may be utilized if there was a safety reason for housing a youth in one facility or the other or in the event of an emergency.

Funding Amount and Source

This interlocal cooperative agreement indicates the sending county will pay the receiving county a daily fee, per juvenile housed, at the same daily bed rate (currently \$414.33 per youth) as established in the Detention Services Department of Children, Youth, and Families Juvenile Rehabilitation contract (WC Contract #202502017-01). Council authorization is required pursuant to RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies. In the event that Whatcom County Juvenile Detention houses youth under the jurisdiction of Skagit County or Skagit County Juvenile Detention houses youth under the jurisdiction of Whatcom County, the sending county will issue a court order transferring custody of the youth. The court order will include expected duration and funding amount.

Differences from Previous Contract

This is the first cooperative interlocal agreement between Whatcom and Skagit County that provides for secure custody and confinement of juvenile offenders between the counties, as needed reciprocally. Whatcom County has entered into similar agreements in the past with Skagit County, Island County, and tribes.

Please contact Stephanie Kraft, Whatcom County Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator at 360-778-5496 or SKraft@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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