

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

## **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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Paula Hoctor, Corrections Commander Kittitas County 307 W Umptanum Rd Ellensburg, WA USA 98926

RE: DOC Contract No: K9561(2)

Dear Commander Hoctor:

During a recent budgetary review of the Department of Correction's (Department) jail bed contracts; the practice of the Department paying the partial cost for offenders held by multiple jurisdictions in a few of the counties was highlighted. It is not financially responsible for the Department to continue this practice; therefore, effective February 1, 2014, fractionalized or proportional billing will no longer be an available billing practice under your Interagency Agreement.

The Department understands that this decision may have financial impacts on your facility and remains committed to working with all total confinement facilities to ensure the legislature is aware of the costs of housing Department offenders.

Attached to this letter is the Amendment outlining the changes to your contract; most importantly Section 1.16 of your contract will define an offender day as one that "shall not include any day that is by state law the financial responsibility of any other jurisdiction."

As we welcome in a New Year working together to keep our communities safer, the Department continues to be available to each of you to discuss this change and to welcome any and all suggestions on how we can collaborate to be fiscally responsible with the limited criminal dollars allocated by the legislature for this purpose. Please don't hesitate to contact the Hearings and Violations Administrator, Ton Johnson directly at via land line at (360)725-8696; mobile at (360)529-7125; or email at <a href="mailto:ton.johnson@doc.wa.gov">ton.johnson@doc.wa.gov</a>.

Respectfully,

Gary Banning

Contracts Administrator