



**Washington County Opposes
-1 amendment HB 3438**

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House Judiciary Chairman Jeff Barker, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, my apologies for the timing of this letter, but I just found out about the -1 amendment.

On behalf of Washington County Board of Commissioners I want to express our opposition to the -1 amendment for HB 3438.

The -1 amendment directs the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to waive “county of residence” requirements mandating a local Supervisory Authority (LSA) accept jurisdiction transfers from another county.

The current process that includes the evaluation of several factors critical for determining a successful transition would be tossed to the side for the sake of a geographical location. The current statutory requirement for inmates to return to their original county of residence has a long standing process to review transfers, or waivers. The review process is designed to give the inmate in transition the best opportunity to have success and therefore any effort to discount this current evaluation process creates risk for a successful transition. It effectively takes away the checks and balances needed to run the program.

Washington County Board of Commissioners is joining other public safety experts in opposing the -1 amendment. We are urging your opposition as well.

Thank you for your consideration.