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To: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue; [and many others].

Re: I SUPPORT: [SB 430]-with amendment.

Senator Fredrick may be on to something with this creative use of shipping containers.

There needs to be clarification as to the procurement of the containers.

Here are a few concerns for the Municipalities participating in this program:

Beware of "rust-buckets." Unscrupulous dealers in this product may hoist unsatisfactory containers upon municipalities-a condition in a contract could solve this problem.

There are costs for; site preparation, modifications to container-ventilation and painting. The municipality's Public Works Department and volunteers will have to be consulted.

Vector Control-Rats, mice, snakes and spiders can cause foreseeable grief. This too is a simple problem to solve.

The 10% Tax-credit may not be enough to procure pristine containers. This issue requires review.

The procurement of emergency supplies.

The supplies can be procured from FEMA, Military Surplus, Counties and the State. This is not a problem.

Use for shelters for vagrants, drug addicts and associated homeless miscreants.

It is a given, "The Nutty-Ninth Circuit of Appeals" is a grievous pain in many governmental "rear-ends."

If a city were to use a shipping container; first cut the ends of the container off and then designate a site for placement; Police could inform the vagrant community this is where you must go. You cannot pitch a tent in the street (or anywhere else) to live. A municipality (County and State) could justifiably assert they have provided a place for the vagrants to go.

This may be a way to appease "The Nutty-Ninth Circuit of Appeals" and begin to put vagrancy under submission.

I am not suggesting any modifications to the shipping container except; cut the ends off of the container. No beds, nothing. Just a place to sleep. Porta-potties with hand-wash stations could be placed next to the containers.

For this application of shipping containers to work really well to control vagrancy; abolish any "wrap-around services." You want to keep this use as "Spartan" and "uncomfortable" while providing dry place to sleep.

Consider applying the age old proverbs, "Don't feed the pigeons" and "Move-along little doggies."

Keep up the creative genius Senator Fredrick!

VOTE "YES" ON [SB 430]-with amendment!

Respectfully submitted,

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