

RESOLUTION 1-90

WHEREAS, clean air affects all citizens and burning bans for all homes and businesses in western Washington are increasingly more common; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington Correction Center has been cited by the Olympic Air Pollution Control Authority for stack emissions from their coal-fired boilers of almost twice the allowable limit; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections has plans to enlarge their operations and prison population in Mason County; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections has proposed a compliance schedule calling for expenditures in excess of \$1.5 million and delays of over three years before air quality standards can be met; and,

WHEREAS, there are no guarantees that the Legislature will appropriate these funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections has spent \$50,000 over the last several years on consulting reports dealing with the feasibility of alternative fuels such as wood pellets and natural gas; and,

WHEREAS, Mason County has an abundance of wood waste suitable for the manufacture of pellet fuel; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla has converted the institution's heating system from coal to wood pellet fuel and has successfully operated for the last two years meeting all state and federal air quality standards.

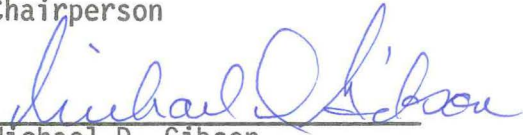
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Board of Commissioners encourage that the Department of Corrections take immediate action to bring the Washington Correction Center facility within existing air quality standards.

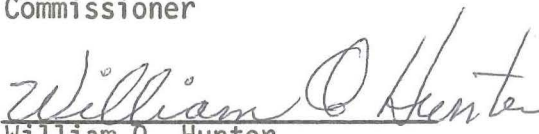
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Corrections should follow the advice of their consulting engineer regarding their recommendation of conversion of the fuel supply at the Washington Correction Center from coal to wood pellets. A test burn of wood pellets at this time is certainly in order.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 1990.

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