

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 99-214

Creating a Task Force to Review and Evaluate Multnomah County's Policy of Renting Beds in its Juvenile and Adult Correctional Facilities to the Immigration and Naturalization Service

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County operates the Sheriff's office and correction facilities, the District Attorney's Office and the Department of Community Justice.
- b. Since 1988, Multnomah County has had a policy of renting beds to the Immigration and Naturalization Service through our contract with the US Marshall.
- c. The majority of these beds were intended to hold individuals on the basis of their immigration status.
- d. Multnomah County receives revenue for these bed rentals in addition to federal grants for providing beds to the INS.
- e. Demand for these beds have increased every year since 1988.
- f. The complexity of the INS policies and the impact of those policies on our public safety system needs to be understood by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Chair will appoint a Task Force to study the county policy of renting beds to the INS and the effect of that policy on the public safety system and make recommendations to the County Chair and the Board of County Commissioners. The Task Force will include important stakeholders with expertise in INS policy, corrections and public safety issues.
2. The Task Force will collect input from stakeholders about the current policy of the federal government and local government in regards to undocumented individuals in the corrections system.
3. Within the context of the overall analysis, the Task Force will study questions including but not limited to: How do public safety stakeholders interact with each other to carry out INS hold policy? How do stakeholders interact with the undocumented individuals in correction facilities? What legal and administrative processes do detainees go through with INS holds? What are options to current bed rental policy? (Increase, decrease or eliminate rental policy) What is impact on public safety systems and stakeholders? What is financial impact on county budget? Would MCSO deny admission to Multnomah County jails of INS-hold only inmates if there were no compensation for these inmates?

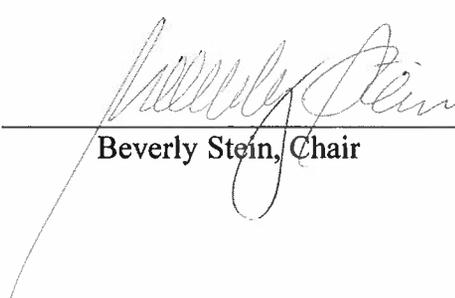
What proportion of the INS-hold only inmates would be charged with other offenses by the US Attorney or Multnomah County District Attorney if INS-hold only inmates were not allowed in Multnomah County jails?

4. The task force will produce a written report including findings and recommendations by January 30, 2000.

Adopted this 4th day of November, 1999.

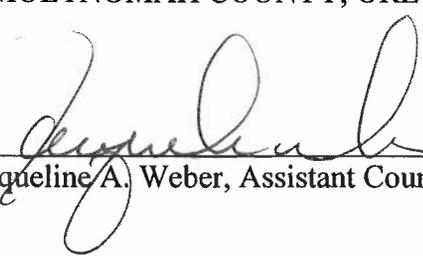


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