



## Board for Judicial Administration (BJA)

### Strategic Initiative Charter

#### ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION TASK FORCE

**I. Title:**

Alternatives to Incarceration Task Force (Working Title)

**II. Authority:**

Board for Judicial Administration (BJAR) Rule 1

**III. Goal:**

The goal of this strategic initiative is for pre-trial and post-sentencing incarceration alternatives to be uniformly available to courts throughout the state regardless of the person's ability to pay.

**IV. Charge, Deliverables and End Date:**

The BJA Alternatives to Incarceration Task Force is formed to assess the current state of incarceration alternative practices, estimate the costs to make these services available statewide, and pursue legislative funding as needed.

The Task Force shall:

- 1) Assess the different incarceration alternative practices across the state and assess the ability of those accused of crimes to access those services equitably across the state and identify barriers to achieving this.
- 2) Gather information on any policies or efforts addressing this issue at a statewide level.
- 3) Identify promising practices and develop recommendations for incarceration alternatives.

- 4) Identify costs of implementing electronic home monitoring and other incarceration alternatives across all jurisdictions.
- 5) Pursue legislative and other funding opportunities to make incarceration alternatives equally available to all courts and their constituents across the state as applicable.
- 6) Develop and implement communication and advocacy strategies to promote funding needs.
- 7) Provide ongoing reports to the BJA on task force efforts and identify future task force or ongoing committee work.

This charter shall expire on June 30, 2024.

## **V. Membership:**

Following is a recommended membership list. Final membership will be determined by the Co-chair(s) of the task force.

### Co-Chairs:

Superior Court Judges' Association representative  
District and Municipal Court Judges' Association representative

### Membership:

- Two representatives from Superior Court Judges Association
- Two representatives from the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (one Municipal court judge and one District court judge)
- One representative from the Association of Washington Superior Court Administrators
- One representative from District and Municipal Court Management Association
- One representative from the Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators
- One representative from the Washington State Association of County Clerks
- AOC Representative
- One representative from Office of Civil Legal Aid
- One representative from Office of Public Defense
- One representative from Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
- Representative from local and statewide legislative and executive bodies
- Individuals and/or representatives of community groups , particularly those impacted by the criminal justice system

- Two representatives from law enforcement
- Two Detention System Administrators (i.e., jails)
- Two representatives from probation services
- Representative(s) of the Minority and Justice Commission
- Representative of Washington State Center for Court Research
- Representative of Access to Justice Board

**VI. Entities to Consult or Coordinate with:**

- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
- Defenders Associations
- Electronic home monitoring service providers
- Washington State Bail Agents Association
- ACLU of Washington
- The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy

**VII. Staff Support:**

The Task Force shall be provided support by:

- BJA Administrative Manager
- BJA Senior Court Program Analyst
- BJA administrative support

**VIII. Budget:**

Support for travel and meeting expenses shall be provided from funds allocated to the BJA by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

*Adopted: 5/20/2022*