

**JJ&RA - SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER**  
**SCC – King County SCTF**



**2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(15.0)	(15.0)	(15.0)
GF-State	(1,446,800)	(1,446,000)	(2,912,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,446,000)</b>	<b>(1,446,000)</b>	<b>(2,912,000)</b>

**REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY**

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration’s (JJRA) Special Commitment Center (SCC) is submitting the following reduction option that would close the Secure Community Transition Facility (SCTF) in King County and eliminate 15 FTEs. By implementing this reduction, JJRA expects to lose six community transitional beds.

**REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL**

This proposal is to close a less restrictive alternative facility located off McNeil Island. This facility provides the same level of care as the SCTF in Pierce County (an on-island facility directly outside the Total Confinement Facility perimeter fence). The closure of SCTF in King County would initially impact the five current residents but could have wider impacts for residents requiring placement in an off island less restrictive alternative. The King County facility has never been fully utilized and the cost per resident is approximately \$1,400 a day or \$511,000 a year, per resident.

The residents at the King County facility could be placed in other Less Restrictive Alternatives, such as the SCTF in Pierce County. The Pierce County facility has capacity for 24 beds with only 15 currently occupied. JJRA would provide transportation for clients to King County to continue to have the opportunity for the needed transitional treatment.

The closure of the King County facility would result in the reduction of 15 positions. Additionally, budget reductions will result from associated overhead costs. This is a full reduction of a key SCC operational support activity. However, the closure of six transitional beds was chosen over other budget reduction options that would adversely impact 281 SCC residents.

The opening of the SCTF in King County was the final requirement imposed by the federal court before releasing DSHS from the previous federal injunction. The closure of the SCTF in King County significantly increases the risk of a new injunctive action being filed.



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The reduction will be spread over two fiscal years and will be accomplished via attrition, if possible. If the reduction is required immediately, then notifications of termination will be forwarded within the last month of the preceding fiscal year of execution.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

Key stakeholders include defense attorneys for the SCC residents, Attorney General, Courts and independent review organizations. All stakeholders may experience an increase in activity to mitigate actions needed to address potential non-compliance with statutory requirements.



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