

## **Agency: Washington State Jail Industries Board**

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## **Responsibilities**

As specified in 36.110 RCW, Jail Industries Program:

- Establish an arbitration process for resolving conflicts arising among the local business community and labor organizations concerning new industries programs, products, services, or wages;
- Encourage the development of the collection and analysis of jail industries program data, including long-term tracking information on offender recidivism;
- Provide technical assistance with product marketing;
- Provide technical assistance and training to local jurisdictions to facilitate and promote the development of local jail industries programs. Examples include: jail industry implementation workshops; development of recruitment and education programs for local business and labor to gain their participation; ongoing staff assistance regarding local jail industries issues, such as sound business management skills, development of a professional business plan, responding to questions regarding risk management, industrial insurance, provision of guidelines and assistance for the coordination of basic educational programs and jail industries; other technical skills required by local jails in the implementation of safe, productive, and effective jail industries programs.

## **Mission of the Jail Industries Board**

Provide statewide leadership and technical assistance to establish, develop and maintain jail industries through partnerships with labor, business, victims, community, and government which promote:

- ◆ Victim compensation and restitution
- ◆ Reduced cost of incarceration
- ◆ Reduced victimization and recidivism
- ◆ Meaningful work experience and work ethics
- ◆ Public service through offender labor

## **Organization and Budget**

Staff: 1 Full Time Equivalent staff member, Jill Will, Executive Director. One half-time contracted support staff.

Budget: \$110,000 per fiscal year from General Fund State budget, as a proviso in the state Department of Corrections budget.

Board: Twenty-one member volunteer board serving without compensation. Three business representatives, three labor representatives, one crime victims' representative, one educational representative, and one line law enforcement representative are

appointed by the Governor. State agency representatives from Corrections, Employment Security, and Community Trade and Economic Development are appointed by the Governor. Nine representatives are appointed by associations representing interests in local government and criminal justice.

Meetings: Four times per year.

### **Challenge**

The ongoing challenge for the Jail Industries Board is helping cities and counties balance the interests of jails to employ as many offenders as possible in jobs which reduce the tax burden of corrections and help provide government services at lower cost with the need to ensure that offender labor has a minimal negative impact on the local labor market. There is widespread public support for the notion that offenders should work to help pay their way, or to simply work rather than remain idle in jail. As budget pressures increase on local governments, there are increasing incentives to use offenders to provide government services that otherwise could not be afforded, for example in cleaning streets or maintaining parks. However, any jobs done by offender labor could theoretically be performed by private sector contractors or by government employees, leading to potential conflicts with local businesses or with union locals.

The issue of the appropriate use of offender labor is ongoing. At this point in time the level of urgency is not particularly high. Urgency rises and falls depending upon the specifics of particular tasks done by offenders which happen to catch the attention of business and labor interests. If a controversy arises in the near future regarding offender work which could have substantial economic impacts, both business and labor groups could become involved in efforts to legislatively restrict offender labor. This has occurred many times at the state Department of Corrections level but as yet has not really affected local corrections programs. One labor representative to the Jail Industries Board is currently discussing how to increase scrutiny on local jail industries programs which have received little direct attention in the past. This topic will be a formal Board agenda item in November.

### **Examples of Offender Labor Tasks**

Animal shelter staffing, city and county park maintenance, community cleanup, conservation program support, emergency response, facilities maintenance, fairground maintenance, flood and erosion control, food preparation and service, golf course maintenance, government vehicle washing, grounds maintenance, highway litter pickup, inmate uniform repair, non-profit organization support, recreation facility maintenance, snow removal, special events support, trail maintenance, weed control

### **For additional information contact**

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## Board Member Listing by Board Position

### JAIL INDUSTRIES BOARD (JI000)

Agency 310 - Department of Corrections	Senate Conf. N	Positions: Maximum 021
Authority Governor and Other Agencies	Public Disc. N	Minimum 012
Authoriztn. RCW 36.110.030	Term Length 036	Actual 021
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 02	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Latimer, Debra PO Box 9046 Olympia, WA 98503	A	C	05/29/2003	02/15/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Employment Security Rep.		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Berrios, Jim 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031	A	H	03/23/2004	02/15/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Business Representative		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Wilson, Julie PO Box 48300 Olympia, WA 98504	A	C	02/16/2003	02/15/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	CTED Representative		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Loh, Andre 1701 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122	A	C	02/16/2003	02/15/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Higher Ed. Representative		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
006	Dillman, David 500 Union Street Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98101	A	C	04/29/2004	02/15/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Business Representative		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
007	Wrzesinski, Chandra D. 360 NW North Street MS: SHE02 Chehalis, WA 98532	A	C	01/26/2004	02/15/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Law Enforcement		

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Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
008	Morrow, Sean 222 W Mission Ave Suite 134 Spokane, WA 99201-2343	A	C	05/18/2004	02/15/2007

Terms Served 01

Position a member

Comments Labor Representative

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
009	Mizoguchi, Carol Washington Community Service Division 821 Second Avenue Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104	A	AA	04/29/2004	02/15/2006

Terms Served 01

Position a member

Comments Crime Victims Rep.

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
010	Wolff, Marvin 5413 Barr Road Ferndale, WA 98248	A	C	02/25/2004	02/15/2007

Terms Served 03

Position a member

Comments Business Representative

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
011	Loomans, Randy 106 South Columbia, Room 330 Olympia, WA 98501	A	C	02/16/2003	02/15/2006

Terms Served 01

Position a member

Comments Labor Representative

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
012	Johnson, David 8118 199th Avenue Court E Bonney Lake, WA 98390	A	C	02/25/2004	02/15/2007

Terms Served 02

Position a member

Comments Labor Representative