

NEWS RELEASE

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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN**

RE: Salary of Prosecuting Attorney

SB 6297 did not set the salary level for the Prosecuting Attorney at the same salary level of a Superior Court Judge. The bill directed the State to pay half of a Superior Court Judge's salary towards the County Prosecutor's position.

The counties can contribute what they want to set the Prosecutor's salary, but not less than what they currently contribute. The Prosecutor's salary is not required to be equal to a Superior Court Judge salary. Judge's salaries are set by the State Salary Commission.

My vote in Olympia for SB 6297 is not inconsistent with my vote against the County resolution setting the Mason County Prosecutor's salary at \$140,979, equal to all the Superior Court Judges statewide.

I felt that the issue needed more discussion and I feel that the Prosecutor position should have a salary that is somewhat less, not equal to the Superior Court Judge's salaries.

However, the vote was 2 in favor, 1 against and I wholeheartedly accept the decision of the majority vote.

Tim Sheldon, District No. 2