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**SUBJECT:** Juvenile Justice Center Update  
**DATE:** June 11, 2026

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**

At the request of Community Vitality and Safety Committee Chair Rumbaugh, Pierce County representatives will brief the Committee on the County’s efforts regarding a newly envisioned Family and Youth Justice Center. The presentation will include an overview of the County’s juvenile rehabilitation programming and recommendations from the Juvenile Justice Task Force as outlined in their report, “Defining a Vision for a New Pierce County Family and Youth Justice Center,” which lays out a comprehensive vision for replacing Remann Hall.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pierce County’s current juvenile rehabilitation facility, Remann Hall, first opened in 1948 and was last renovated in 1995. The facility no longer meets operational or programmatic standards. Two former detention wings lack required occupancy permits, portions of the building do not meet ADA accessibility standards, aging mechanical and plumbing systems are beyond their useful life, and the facility’s inflexible layout conflicts with modern goals for safety, rehabilitation, and trauma-informed care. Last summer, Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello signed a directive to create a 15-member Task Force representing a broad cross-section of expertise and community perspective that reviewed facility conditions, examining operational and programmatic needs, and engaging the public. The Juvenile Justice Task Force report was released to the public on April 30, 2026.

**ISSUE:**

Remann Hall is no longer a suitable facility for achieving the County’s objectives regarding safety and rehabilitation programming.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.