

In Support Of Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Engage The New York State Department Of Corrections To Investigate the November 28, 2008 Determinations Issued By The United States Equal Opportunity Commission Regarding The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center

Legislators Hansut, Ronk and Maloney, members of The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee, offer the following:

WHEREAS, in August of 2008, the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) notified the Ulster County Attorney's Office of an investigation of workplace complaints at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2008, a determination report was issued to Ulster County by the EEOC regarding such complaints, and

WHEREAS, members of the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee and other Ulster County Legislators were not informed of any complaints or determination reports regarding any workplace investigations at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, and

WHEREAS, members of the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee were not informed of any remedial actions that may have taken place at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, and

WHEREAS, members of the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee and other Legislators were not informed of any disciplinary action that may have taken place at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, and

WHEREAS, this matter is currently in litigation, thereby potentially rendering an open and frank discussion by this body, or any other Ulster County agency, of these problems impossible, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Legislature to determine if this matter was handled appropriately and in the best interests of the citizens of Ulster County, so that this Legislature can take appropriate and necessary action, and

WHEREAS, this investigation would be best be conducted by an outside agency with intimate knowledge of appropriate workplace protocols in a law enforcement center, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to engage the New York State Department of Corrections to investigate the determinations made and reported to Ulster County in the EEOC report dated November 28, 2008, to ascertain if the matter was handled appropriately by those officials who were aware of the existence of this report,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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Legislator Maloney motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to refer the resolution back to the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27

NOES: 1

(NOES: Legislator Dart)

(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Lomita, R.A. Parete, Roberti and Sheeley)

REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE