

WHY WASHINGTON STATE NEEDS TO MOVE BEYOND A CASH BAIL SYSTEM

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# CURRENT LANDSCAPE U.S. CASH BAIL & PRETRIAL DETENTION SYSTEM

- CRIMINALIZES POVERTY
- 2 DEEPENS RACIAL INEQUITIES
- **ENDANGERS OUR COMMUNITIES**





### PERIODIC WAVES OF REFORMS

#### FIRST WAVE [1951-1966]

- STACK V. BOYLE
- BAIL REFORM ACT OF 1966

#### **SECOND WAVE [1966-1984]**

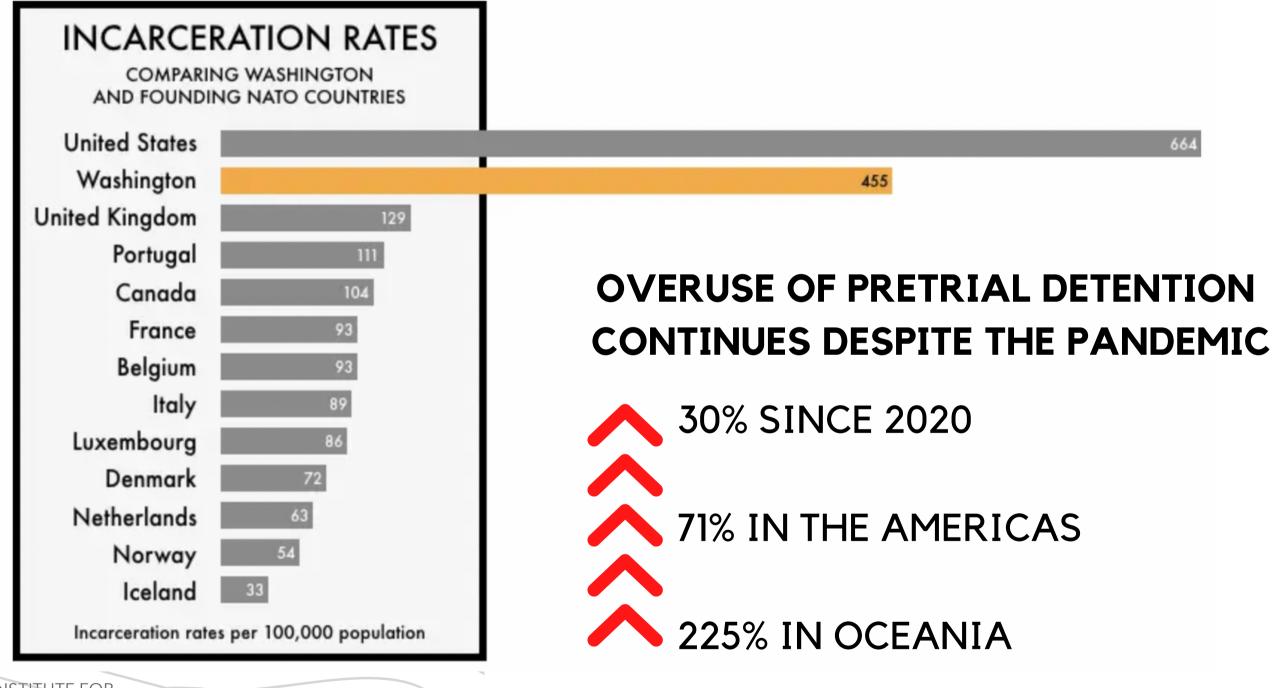
- BAIL REFORM ACT OF 1984
- UNITED STATES V. SALERNO

THIRD WAVE [1984-PRESENT]

#### What's actually driving jail growth? Traditionally, the main role of jails was to confine people who have been convicted of minor crimes, but those numbers have actually decreased in the last two decades. National jail growth is driven by the rise in pre-trial detention and in the holding of people for other agencies. Serving jail sentence 212,094 175,750 165,370 Held for federal/state agencies 66,562 1983 1988 1993 1998 2003 2008 2013 For complete sourcing, see: www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/jailsovertime.html#methodology



### GLOBAL SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM







# WASHINGTON STATE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE FREEDOM IS FREE

- CODIFIY RELEASE FOR NON-CAPITAL OFFENSES
- 2 INVEST IN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
- 3 ABANDON THE PRETRIAL SERVICES MODEL





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