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In 1913 the Wisconsin State Legislature adopted an act sponsored by Senator Henry Huber aimed at providing for the "reformation and rehabilitation" of county jail inmates and providing for a way to enable the inmates to financially support their dependents. The act became law and has historically been labeled the Huber Law.

The Huber Law concept has spread to many other states under such titles as Day Parole Program, County Jail Work Release, or Work Furlough. Although the name of the program changes from state to state, the concept remains basically the same. Selected county jail inmates are granted by courts the privilege of being released during working hours to carry on their own livelihood, while during non-working hours they remain confined in the county jail.

The original Huber Law, however progressive it may have appeared in 1913. actually was quite repressive in terms of today's milieu of due process and prisoners' rights. Only males were sentenced under the Huber Law in 1913. A portion of the earnings from their jobs at private employment, the county work project, or county workhouse was distributed to their dependents. All remaining earnings were retained by the county. If a man had no dependents, the county kept all of his earnings.

The Law has been amended many times since 1913. Currently, any misdemeanant sentenced by the court under the Huber Law may be granted the privilege of leaving the jail for private or self-employment, conducting his or her own business, attending family needs, attending school, or securing medical treatment. In addition, the inmate is liable only for his board and maintenance costs at the county jail in which he is housed. Savings accumulated by an inmate serving under the Huber Law are placed in a trust checking account until the inmate's release, at which time the savings are turned over to the inmate.

#### Huber Law Survey

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Every four years information about Huber Law utilization is obtained from all county jails in Wisconsin. County sheriffs complete two schedules of information: One schedule is designed to report aggregate, calendar year, county-wide, Huber Law populations and their earnings; and the other for reporting comments and problems related to Huber Law utilization. The two completed schedules are sent to the State Division of Corrections' central office where the data are compiled and prepared in tabular form for presentation in the guadrennial Huber Law Survey Bulletin. Results of the 1972 survey are presented in the appendix tables and in the discussion of data which follows.

#### Discussion of Data

In 1972, over 10,000 men and women were sentenced to Wisconsin's county jails. This represented a drop from 1968 figures of 3,000 (See Table 3). Of all sentenced to county jails in 1972, 70 percent were sentenced under the Huber Law. In 1968, roughly 49 percent were sentenced under the Huber Law. These data indicate a trend in county court sentencing. The judges are sentencing fewer to county jails and are giving Huber Law privileges to a rapidly growing percentage. Several explanations are suggested for this trend:

- 1) Increased knowledge of the deficiencies of programs of recreation, rehabilitation, and reintegration in the county jails, coupled with rising awareness of the need for these programs;
- 2) The obvious fiscal advantages of a program such as the Huber Law (See Table 2);
- 3) Increased belief that confinement of certain offenders is counterproductive to criminal justice system goals.

Although the number and percentage of people sentenced under the Huber Law during calendar year 1972 exceeded any prior reporting year, the percentage of those sentenced actually using Huber privileges was the lowest in recent reporting years. Usual reasons for the underutilization of Huber Law privileges in some counties, such as lack of personnel, facilities and transportation needed to administer the program, probably would not cause the large drop in the utilization rate of Huber Law privileges. The decrease in percentage using Huber privileges probably stems from the higher unemployment rate during most of 1972. Persons with low job skills, a common characteristic of those sentenced to county jails, are probably the ones most affected by a rising unemployment rate.

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Despite the unemployment problem, over 4,000 people serving county jail sentences were released under the Huber Law in 1972 to begin or continue employment in the community. Their net earnings exceeded \$1 million. In rough proportions, net earnings were disbursed as follows: one-third of the amount was collected by the counties for board and maintenance costs\*, one-third was disbursed to reduce debts and make family support payments, and the final one-third was spent by the inmate for personal items and transportation while on the program or was turned over to the inmate upon sentence completion (See Table 2).

Excluding counties with unreported financial data\*\*, each person employed under the Huber Law had average net earnings of \$308. If the average wage of persons employed under the Huber Law was about \$2.50 per hour, then the average length of employment was probably about one month. Of course, this was the statewide average. If county-by-county averages were computed, there would be wide variation depending upon sentence lengths, wage levels, and other factors.

\*\* Ten of the 71 county jails failed to report complete financial data.

<sup>\*</sup> Board and maintenance charges ranged from \$0 to \$5.50 per day per person, depending upon the county. The average board and maintenance charge was \$3.20 per day per person.

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Table 1

The Huber Law program comprises one of the largest community-based correctional programs in Wisconsin. Each year thousands are released to pursue livelihoods in local communities. A potential control problem for local law enforcement agencies might be said to be created. However, of the over 7,000 people sentenced in 1972 under the Huber Law, only 308 had their privileges revoked by the courts; of that group only 195 walked away from supervision and may have been charged with escape.

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Persons Sentenced, Employed, and Studying by Sex and County Jail Huber Law 1972

County	Number	Sent	enced	
Jail	Total	Male	Female	Tc
<u>Total</u> Adams Ashland Barron Bayfield	7.231 11 18 7	11 18 7	<u>211</u> - - -	<u>4</u>
Brown Buffalo Burnett Calumet	88 3 2 6	88 3 2 6		
Chippewa Clark Columbia Crawford	- 15 57 8	- 15 57 8		
Dane Dodge Door Douglas	1,070 46 8 108	980 46 8 105	90 - - 3	
Dunn Eau Claire Florence Fond du Lac	13 206 3 43	13 201 3 43	- 5 - -	
Forest Grant Green Green Lake	1 36 27 11	1 36 27 11		
Iowa Iron Jackson Jefferson	17 3 29 81	17 2 29 80	- - 1	
Juneau Kenosha Kewaunee LaCrosse	2 288 15 73	2 285 15 72	- 3 - 1	
Lafayette Langlade Lincoln Manitowoc	9 11 40 95	9 11 40 92	- - 3	
Marathon Marinette Marquette Milwaukee	49 10 1,263	49 10 - 1,247	- - 16	1,

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Wood	61	61		59	56	- -  	ហ	្ ហ		

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Estimated figures.

Total Financial Data

Huber Law 1972

County	Total Net			Disbursements			Balance To	
Jail	Earnings	Total	Room and Board	Travel and Personal	Support	Debts	Prisoner	
Total	\$1,133,522.35	\$897,303.22	\$ <u>365,210.80</u>	\$124,534.05	\$212,090.83	\$ <u>195,467.54</u>	\$236.219.13	
Adams Ashland	4,823.05	3,663.29	1,400.00	780.48	450.00	1,032.81	1,159.76	
Ashiand Barron Bayfield	826.00 864.00	476.00 108.00	109.00 108.00	20.00	250.00 -	97.00	- 350.00 756.00	
Brown Buffalo	36,155.71 2,450.00	24,725.40 2,450.00	5,768.10 600.00	4,342.16	11,195.80 1,850.00	3,419.34	11,430.31	
Burnett Calumet	893.90 282.60	667.30 147.05	321.00 47.58	346.30 5.00	75.00	19.47	226.60 135.55	
Chippewa Clark Columbia Crawford	- 3,897.39 20,322.27 3,028.48	3,130.56 17,572.37 2,508.59	797.04 3,987.40 296.40	42.67 2,881.63 36.00	227.87 5,996.00 1,500.00	2,062.98 4,707.34 676.19	766.83 2,749.90 519.89	- 7
Dane Dodge Door Douglas	119,650.81 35,075.14 1,613.15 19,643.80	84,461.32 32,810.43 1,084.26 2,003.50	29,773.00 9,115.60 36.50 2,003.50	10,527.12 5,759.43 325.56	19,697.42 6,596.76 135.00	24,463.78 11,338.64 587.20 -	35,189.49 2,264.71 528.89 17,640.30	т П <sup>1</sup>
Dunn* Eau Claire Florence* Fond du Lac*	N.R. 16,819.65 N.R. N.R.	N.R. 16,339.53 N.R. N.R.	344.92 8,030.86 160.00 1,185.00	N.R. 7,628.67 N.R. N.R.	N.R. 	N.R. 680.00 N.R. N.R.	N.R. 480.12 N.R. N.R.	
Forest Grant Green Green Lake	657.29 6,538.94 7,447.62 3,878.25	553.42 5,370.55 4,307.55 3,497.54	207.76 2,899.81 1,753.75 1,304.50	190.54 872.65 687.70	1,949.72 441.00 345.00	345.66 330.48 1,240.15 1,160.34	103.87 1,168.39 3,140.07 380.71	-
Iowa Iron Jackson Jefferson	8,289.77 136.00 2,560.00 14,193.99	6,694.03 38.25 2,212.72 11,473.61	1,429.16 38.25 1,292.72 3,017.40	660.00 380.00 2,472.22	2,270.00 - 3,746.18	2,334.87 - 540.00 2,237.81	1,595.74 97.75 347.28 2,720.38	

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Table 1 (Concluded)

			1	Disbursements			
County Jail	Total Net Earnings	Total	Room and Board	Travel and Personal	Support	Debts	Balance To Prisoner
Juneau Kenosha Kewaunee LaCrosse	1,197.00 64,708.85 5,501.95 9,641.43	1,197.00 60,008.68 3,420.33 9,379.16	5,611.00 1,293.80 5,976.50	11,350.00 184.70 2,336.96	1,197.00 37,816.26 250.00 808.52	5,231.42 1,691.83 257.18	4,700.17 2,081.62 262.27
Lafayette Langlade Lincoln Manitowoc	1,053.51 1,150.31 8,689.49 24,726.04	827.73 1,096.37 8,356.10 22,074.08	553.94 647.50 3,451.28 5,430.88	72.42 29.94 3,368.83 5,580.31	- 555.52 5,668.00	201.37 418.93 980.47 5,394.89	225.78 53.94 333.39 2,651.96
Marathon Marinette Marquette	21,545.47 3,504.61	20,052.87 2,792.60	7,972.62 1,364.50 -	1,837.71 236.00 -	3,419.91	6,822.63 1,192.10	1,492.60 712.01
Milwaukee	326,871.54	270,090.64	157,242.75	11,719.35	45,347.81	55,780.73	56,780.90
Monroe Oconto Oneida Outagamie	2,921.01 2,383.99 2,759.36 62,477.68	2,163.64 1,732.08 1,281.96 38,853.96	1,009.54 176.50 1,116.96 11,520.34	336.61 230.00 - 12,703.29	731.00 277.00 130.00 7,481.45	86.49 1,048.58 35.00 7,148.88	757.37 651.91 1,477.40 23,623.72
Ozaukee	19,947.39	14,261.86	4,942.40	2,542.41	2,185.00	4,592.05	5,685.53
Pepin Pierce Polk	- 2,019.19 541.36	1,743.43 357.31	- 183.50 98.10	- 1,129.93 50.00	- 150.00	- 430.00 59.21	- 275.76 184.05
Portage Price* Racine* Richland	20,542.39 N.R. N.R. 7,198.95	15,907.47 N.R. 45,639.95 5,349.45	5,437.98 87.50 17,725.61 1,500.03	1,554.66 N.R. 16,050.28 1,045.30	2,401.23 N.R. 11,864.06 1,338.21	6,513.60 N.R. - 1,465.91	4,634.92 N.R. N.R. 1,849.50
Rock Rusk* St. Croix Sauk	43,255.24 N.R. 8,448.32 17,441.09	33,853.02 N.R. 6,645.32 14,951.74	12,210.64 387.72 2,882.45 6,217.66	3,341.56 N.R. 1,237.00 1,783.28	10,144.40 N.R. 918.54 1,425.21	8,156.42 N.R. 1,607.33 5,525.59	9,402.22 N.R. 1,803.00 2,489.35
Sawyer* Shawano Sheboygan Taylor	N.R. 17,995.03 48,648.80 2,266.34	N.R. 12,225.46 41,581.30 1,934.48	N.R. 3,934.83 16,010.16 1,022.05	N.R. 1,307.76 11,217.59 109.74	N.R. 6,455.47 10,670.55 733.10	N.R. 527.40 3,683.00 69.59	N.R. 5,769.57 7,067.50 331.86

Table 2 (Concluded)

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County	Total Net			Disbursements		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	T
Jail	Earnings	Total	Room and Board	Travel and Personal	Support	Debts	Balance To Prisoner
Trempealeau*	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Vernon	3,271.51	2,116.05	228.64	694.58	759.36	433.47	1,155.46
Vilas*	N.R.	N.R.	1,005.00	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Walworth	16,096.61	13,244.02	2,873.00	2,452.59	4,473.75	3,444.68	2,852.59
Washburn*	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Washington	27,690.30	24,918.56	9,132.32	2,992.89	4,802.24	7,991.11	2,771.74
Waukesha	18,778.22	16,026.42	8,745.10	1,570.18	2,668.22	3,042.92	2,751.80
Waupaca	9,811.95	5,144.70	2,584.00	1,045.70	700.00	815.00	4,667.25
Waushara	1,092.70	981.84	575.75	66.77	135.00	204.32	110.86
Winnebago	13,651.16	12,164.48	6,621.59	1,723.62	1,564.42	2,254.85	1,486.68
Wood	5,645.75	4,273.84	2,305.16	724.24	157.91	1,086.53	1,371.91

N.R. - Not reported.

\* Counties that supplied incomplete financial data. (In some cases, partial information is included in the table but this information is not included in the totals.)

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Sentences, and Other Sentences n County Jails by Year of Survey and Sex , Huber Law Ser To Wisconsin ( Sentences, Total

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by County Jail and Year of Survey Year of County Jail 1956 1960 \$364,282,87 Total \$632,940.47 \$94 Adams 206.00 Ashland -Barron Bayfield 176.75 Brown 8,276.75 26,928.22 2' Buffalo 112.00 600.00 Burnett 102.25 Calumet 1,099.21 Chippewa Clark 260.46 Columbia 2,060.00 Crawford 282.50 250.00 Dane 26,557.77 46,619.75 12 Dodge 139.96 2,763.70 12 Door 1,562.76 ..... Douglas Dunn 6,511.50 Eau Claire 3,893.40 1,938.97 Florence Fond du Lac 1,203.67 3,022.53 Forest ~ 2,751.77 184.23 Grant Green 4,766.52 Green Lake 2,388.87 Iowa 5,945.19 4,937.86 Iron Jackson 1,041.80 1 Jefferson 7,939.36 18 Juneau Kenosha 4,370.99 28,197.39 27 Kewaunee LaCrosse 6,579.42 4,755.00 17 Lafayette 260.46 2 526.90 449.75 Langlade 2 Lincoln 44.03 1,562.76 1 Manitowoc 11,190.91 7,890.87 15 Marathon 4,600.22 10 Marinette 260.46 Marquette 68.00 Milwaukee 245,837.68 167,971.34 303

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## Total Net Huber Law Earnings

of Huber La	W Survey	
1964	1968	1972
941.694.59	\$1.435,004.19	\$1,133,522.35
975.00	1,283.39	4,823.05
1,241.19	5,604.59 1,606.60 469.50	- 826.00 864.00
25,133.94 - 125.00 5,833.71	34,944.59 1,877.52 1,952.59 7,782.19	36,155.71 2,450.00 893.90 282.60
1,088.35 53.41 3,750.58 1,883.94	748.76 751.50 27,357.86 2,406.88	3,897.39 20,322.27 3,028.48
27,004.96 12,828.97 1,702.00 2,954.00	129,875.99 18,052.03 1,545.73 13,888.00	119,650.81 35,075.14 1,613.15 19,643.80
2,462.42 3,001.68	577.24 14,544.68	N.R. 16,819.65
1,814.84	4,445.57	N.R. N.R.
336.50 337.65 6,336.68 1,583.16	1,667.89 11,621.21 1,232.07	657.29 6,538.94 7,447.62 3,878.25
4,893.93	5,449.25	8,289.77 136.00
1,129.00 18,203.17	4,700.00 22,848.91	2,560.00 14,193.99
27,062.97 296.63 17,508.72	22,708.53 1,333.49 7,720.55	1,197.00 64,708.85 5,501.95 9,641.43
2,012.00 2,551.49 1,697.73 15,236.06	2,194.52 1,407.85 7,201.48 51,107.98	1,053.51 1,150.31 8,689.49 24,726.04
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County		Year	of Huber Law	Survey	
Jail	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972
Monroe Oconto Oneida Outagamie	- 810.68 20,108.14	272.50 - 820.97 24,500.00	1,746.48 - 2,114.67 30,877.60	4,093.23 851.87 2,763.35 42,087.87	2,921.01 2,383.99 2,759.36 62,477.68
Ozaukee Pepin Pierce Polk	432.07 - - -	5,786.32 250.00 260.46	21,445.42 - -	23,777.16 - 1,357.68	19,947.39 - 2,019.19 541.36
Portage Price Racine Richland	5,402.94 - 19,751.93 -	5,088.19 260.46 47,897.42 520.92	11,567.06 - 61,052.94 2,367.72	10,237.42 - 30,737.74 10,538.33	20,542.39 N.R. N.R. 7,198.95
Rock Rusk St. Croix Sauk	31,189.61 - - 265.00	36,749.24 - 1,259.78 7,458.21	31,245.21 - 273.48 12,604.47	64,653.65 446.18 6,530.16 21,177.49	43,255.24 N.R. 8,448.32 17,441.09
Sawyer Shawano Sheboygan Taylor	1,317.07 6,485.46 -	682.58 1,905.20 55,915.08 -	3,534.37 30,353.53 2,650.00	611.46 21,721.74 58,781.21 -	N.R. 17,995.03 48,648.80 2,266.34
Trempealeau Vernon Vilas Walworth	1,407.05 - - -	449.79 1,358.00 - 93.22	268.05 840.00 9,760.22	1,576.03 4,814.75 1,734.00 18,803.34	N.R. 3,271.51 N.R. 16,096.61
Washburn Washington Waukesha Waupaca	- 26,728.49 -	- - 19,956.57 -	35.00 13,587.73 49,251.42 1,186.58	50.00 27,205.24 71,264.67 4,888.87	N.R. 27,690.30 18,778.22 9,811.95
Waushara Winnebago Wood	- 5,727.64 4,351.96	6,510.95 6,159.51	267.16 42,549.30 6,700.26	668.08 52,254.78 12,832.33	1,092.70 13,651.16 5,645.75

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