



March 3, 2026

The Honorable Sara Hannan
Chair, House Corrections Finance Subcommittee
State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Sent via email: Representative.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov

Dear Chair Hannan,

This letter serves as the Department of Corrections' (DOC) written response to questions asked during the House Corrections Finance Subcommittee hearing on February 24, 2026.

- *The Committee asked for the details on the Government Policy Impacts (fiscal notes) from slide seven.*

Bill & Year	Title / Focus	Primary Intent & Key Provisions
SB 91 (2017-2019)	Justice Reinvestment	Comprehensive reform to reduce incarceration for low-level crimes; expanded pretrial supervision, treatment, and reentry programs.
HB 216 (2019)	Restorative Justice	Creating the restorative justice account and appropriating for operating costs for substance abuse treatment for offenders and incarceration costs.
HB 49 (2020-2022)	Repeal of SB 91 / "Tough on Crime Act"	Reversed most SB 91 reforms; reinstated higher sentences and traditional bail and probation systems.
SB 55 (2022)	Employers Contributions to PERS	Adjust employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska.

- *The Committee asked to see the breakdown of where the \$20 million supplemental and Governor's amended budget went.*
 - Attached is the requested breakdown

- *The Committee asked for some ideas on policy changes to help contain the Department's budget*
 - Medical cost containment, previously introduced in the 34th Legislature as HB362
 - Two current pieces of legislation to allow the department to enter into agreements with Municipalities to charge for the use of pretrial services; HB66/SB71
 - Legislation passed at the end of the first half of the 34th legislative session, HB35; Inmate Tablets; creating efficiencies with staff time.
 - Bringing payroll services back into the department for processing.

Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JWinkelman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jen Winkelman
Commissioner
Department of Corrections

Attachment: Breakdown of Supplemental and Gov Amend Request 03.02.2026