



March 13, 2026

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Alaska State Legislature  
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Dear Co-Chairs Josephson, Foster, and Schrage,

This letter serves as the Department of Corrections' (DOC) written response to questions asked during the House Finance Committee hearing held on March 5, 2026. The DOC responses are as follows:

- *The Committee asked for the template used by Regional Community Jails for allowable costs.*
  - This information can be found in the 2025 Jail Standards (page 74 – 77) located [here](#)
- *The Committee asked for the information on policy drivers to the DOC budget.*
  - Attachment one: DOC Budget Overview – FY2016-FY2027 Chart GovAmnd
- *The Committee asked about Correctional Officers working on their Regular Day Off (RDO).*
  - Article 21.9 of the Alaska Correctional Officers Association (ACOA) collective bargaining agreement (CBA) establishes premium pay for correctional officers who work on their Regular Day Off (RDO). The contract states:

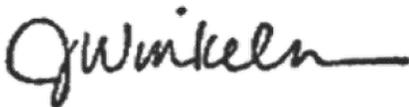
A Bargaining Unit Member who works on their Regular Days Off (RDOs) shall receive time and one-half (1.5) premium pay for all hours worked on their RDOs regardless of the number of hours worked during their regularly scheduled workweek. The pay shall not pyramid when the Bargaining Unit Member is otherwise eligible for overtime premium pay by other operation of law or contract.

Under the article in the CBA, if a correctional officer does not work their fully assigned shift during the week and is selected to work on their RDO, the hours worked on the RDO must be compensated at the 1.5x premium rate. The premium pay applies solely because the hours fall on an RDO, not because of total weekly hours.

- *The Committee asked for information on the WACL (Work Assignment Contact List) relating to Correctional Officer overtime.*
  - Information on the Alaska Correctional Officers Association (ACOA) overtime process is found under article 13.3: Assignment of Additional Hours  
<https://law.alaska.gov/pdf/labor-relations/contracts/ACOA2024-2027.pdf>
- *The Committee asked about policy change ideas to help contain the department's budget.*
  - Medical cost containment, previously introduced in the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature as House Bill 362
  - Two current pieces of legislation to allow the department to enter into agreements with Municipalities to charge for the use of pretrial services: House Bill 66/Senate Bill 71
  - Legislation passed at the end of the first session of the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature, House Bill 35: 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,



Jen Winkelman  
Commissioner  
Department of Corrections

Enclosure: DOC Budget Overview – FY2016-FY2027 Chart GovAmnd