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2025 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections

TO: HB 53

OFFERED BY: Representative Rebecca Himschoot

FISCAL YEAR: FY 2026

DEPARTMENT: Corrections
APPROPRIATION: Population Management
ALLOCATION: Regional and Community Jails

ADD: \$567,500, general funds, 1004

DELETE: N/A

POSITIONS: N/A

EXPLANATION: Distribute an additional \$567,500 UGF to community jails proportionally to the existing contract amounts. This increase will not close the shortfall for the fourteen community jails of over \$3 million, but it will ensure communities receive extra assistance while not overfunding any single community jail. Community jails have been significantly underfunded in recent years and the funding gap for community jails varies greatly by community.

The Department of Corrections depends on these jails to temporarily house prisoners arrested on state charges. Of the fourteen jails, only one reported holding inmates on municipal charges in the past year and that community estimated that the inmates held on municipal charges only accounted for 5% of the prisoners held in the past year. The funding shortfall for community jails amounts to an unfunded mandate for communities where the jails are located.

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OFFERED BY: Representative Prax

FISCAL YEAR: FY26

DEPARTMENT: Corrections
APPROPRIATION: Health and Rehab Services
ALLOCATION: Physical Health Care

ADD:

DELETE: \$11,076,700.00, 1171, Restorative Justice Account

POSITIONS:

EXPLANATION: This is a decrement to remove all restorative justice account funding. The size of the PFD has been decreasing over the years as the legislature and Governor decides to use more and more to fund state services. With the direction the House Majority is moving with education funding and HB 69, there could be zero dollars available in this fund in as little as two years. If the legislature increases the base student allocation to the amounts proposed by HB 69, the restorative justice account would no longer exist and there would be no other funds available.

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ADD: \$136,900.00, 1004, UGF

DELETE:

POSITIONS:

EXPLANATION: This changes the fund source for the salary, health and retirement increases for collective bargaining agreements, which were previously funded by the restorative justice account.