

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

FY2026 MID-YEAR BUDGET STATUS

HOUSE FINANCE DOC SUB-COMMITTEE

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Presented by:

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MISSION AND CORE SERVICES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Mission: To provide secure confinement, reformatory programs, and a process of supervised community reintegration to enhance the safety of our communities
- Department FY2026 Positions: 2,115 Permanent Full-Time (PFT)
- Department FY2026 Enacted Budget: \$489,949.8

Department Divisions	Core Service: Secure Confinement	Core Service: Supervised Release	Core Service: Reformatory Programs
Institutions	X	X	X
Health and Rehabilitation Services	X		X
Pretrial, Probation and Parole		X	X
Administrative Services	X	X	X



FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Departmentwide supervisory standby pay

\$3,904.7 General Funds (UGF)



FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Establish peer support and wellness program

\$500.0 Inter-Agency Receipts (I/A)



FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Community Residential Center (CRC) contractual costs

\$2,628.8 General Funds (UGF) and
\$750.0 Designated General Funds (DGF)



FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Reduce institutional personal service authorization

(\$6,000.0) General Funds (UGF)



FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Reduce funding and close a housing unit at Spring Creek Correctional Center

(\$7,500.0) General Funds (UGF)



FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Delete office assistant positions and associated funding for inmate mail photocopying

(\$372.4) General Funds (UGF)

(5) Permanent Full-time positions



FY2026 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

Status of Hiland Mountain Correctional Center's inmate pilot tablet program

No funding impact



FY2026 INTENT LANGUAGE

- *It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Corrections prepare a report to the legislature that analyzes the possibility of closing an institution and submit it to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2025. The report should examine which institutions would produce the most cost savings if they were closed, estimate the long-term cost savings associated with closing those institutions, and what transition costs would be needed, including capital costs.*
- *It is the intent of the legislature the State of Alaska, through the Department of Corrections (DOC), no longer covers the full cost of unsentenced federal inmates housed in State facilities. The legislature urges the Department to coordinate with the Department of Law to either receive adequate daily funding for federal inmates housed in State facilities or to determine a method for them to be housed at a federal or private facility until court hearings. DOC and Department of Law shall then submit a joint response to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2025, outlining the determined terms, number of federal inmates housed in State facilities by day in 2025 and the final cost associated to the State, if any.*
- *It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Corrections permanently close one housing unit at Spring Creek Correctional Facility. Closing one unit will allow the Department to direct personnel resources to other areas of the facility, reduce overtime, and find efficiencies. The Department shall provide a report to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2025, detailing the efforts taken towards closing a housing unit, and resulting cost savings and efficiencies.*
- *It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Corrections continue the reform of the Regional and Community Jails program. Since the program's inception, public safety has changed in the state and jails are not utilized to the same extent. Therefore, the Department should renegotiate FY27 contracts by reducing the bed count by two-thirds if the individual community's unused bed rate was over sixty percent, when FY24 and FY25 are averaged, and any other corresponding costs. This realignment prevents closures and allows communities to maintain a jail with a more appropriate bed count and cost to the State. The Department shall issue a status report to the to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2025.*



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QUESTIONS?

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