

House Finance Committee
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Department of Corrections

FY2009 Status update:

Commissioner's Office - \$50.0 for Evidence Based Study to Lower Crimes in Alaska

The department entered into a Reimbursable Service Agreement (RSA) with the University of Alaska / Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) to begin the study. The final report is expected by February, 2009.

Offender Habilitation Programs - \$801.0 Institutional Substance Abuse Treatment Program

The department received $\frac{3}{4}$ of the annual operating funding to implement Institutional Out-Patient programs intended for short-term offenders. The 5 contracts have been awarded to serve: Fairbanks Correctional Center, Lemon Creek Correctional Center, Spring Creek Correctional Center, Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center, and the Anchorage Community Residential Center.

Offender Habilitation Programs - \$470.3 Criminal Sentencing & Polygraphing

Contracts were implemented in October 2008 for the Bethel Community Residential Center and the Bethel Community Sex Offender Treatment Program. Existing contracts were amended to include the Palmer, Sitka and Ketchikan areas.

Institutions - \$1,853.9 Vacancy & Turnover Elimination

The department continues in its efforts of recruitment. Currently there are 25 total vacant PCNs within the 24 hour facilities of which 15 are Correctional Officers. It is anticipated to have these positions filled by June 2009.

Wildwood Correctional Center - \$1,417.2 Building Conversion for 80 Bed Offender Housing Units

This project involves two buildings and both buildings have been abated of asbestos and the architectural designs are near completion. The anticipated timeframe for these beds to become available is late spring or early summer of 2009.

The department also received \$1.1 million to cover $\frac{3}{4}$ of FY09 operating costs of the new housing units. The \$1.1 million is being maintained in the FY2010 base, and an increment for \$353.3 (for $\frac{1}{4}$ year operating costs) will not be requested. Instead, the Department is maintaining the \$302.2 one-time item, leaving it in the base budget as a substitute for the \$353.3 increment that was expected. The DOC intends to manage the new units at the requested funding level.

Community Jails - \$45.0 Jail Oversight Contract

Funding was received to meet the Legislative Audit recommendation to establish a professional services agreement with an independent contractor to assist the department in its endeavor to assure that an equitable distribution of funding is allocated within the community jails program. The department is currently working with the contractor on the scope of work for the project.

Inmate Health Care - \$246.0 Mental Health Services

Additional funding was received to support existing staff to continue providing Mental Health Services such as: Community based case management within the Anchorage Area; Expanded the men's Mental Health Services to meet the Chronic Mentally Ill (CMI) at the Anchorage Correctional Center and; Dual-diagnosis release planning at the Wildwood (men's) and Hiland Mountain (women's) Correctional Centers.

FY2010 Budget Highlights:

Offender Habilitation Programs - \$500.0 Institutional Substance Abuse Treatment Program

This request provides funding for the second year of expansion of the institutional outpatient treatment programs. This increment would implement two institutional outpatient treatment programs at Anchorage Correctional Complex and Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

Offender Habilitation Programs - \$485.3 Criminal Sentencing & Polygraphing

This represents the third year of funding associated with the passage of legislation relating to periodic polygraph testing and treatment of all sex offenders on probation or parole [Ch 14 SLA06 (SB 218)]. Previous appropriations for these activities total \$786.8 GF in FY08 and \$752.5 GF in FY09.

Offender Habilitation Programs - \$200.0 Sex Offender Treatment

The department is requesting funding to establish an institutional sex offender treatment program within the Wildwood Correctional Center. The sex offender treatment program will enhance community safety by providing more offenders with intensive, offense-specific assessment and treatment prior to release.

Community Residential Center - \$719.2 Increase 43 regular beds

43 regular beds have been added to assist in managing the in-state offender population. These beds are being partially funded in FY2010 with \$500.0 authorization from the Electronic Monitoring Unit.

Out of State Contractual - \$381.1 Bed Rate increase

Annual bed rate increase negotiated with the Corrections Corporation of America for contract prison space in Arizona. The current FY2009 bed rate is \$61.63 with the anticipated FY2010 bed rate to be \$62.86 per prisoner per day with an anticipated average prisoner population of 900.

Inmate Health Care - \$444.8 Mental Health Services

Additional funding is requested to support the increase in Mental Health Trust beneficiaries committed to the custody of the Department. Of the 38,000 bookings processed annually by DOC, 14,000 have a mental health diagnosis.

Structure Change –

Established Goose Creek Correctional Component in preparation of the anticipated opening in FY2012.