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Dear Co-Chairs of Finance:

Below you will find the Department of Corrections (DOC) response to unanswered questions from the January 30th House Finance Committee:

Representative Thompson:

What is the number of inmates transported under inmate transportation? (#4 - slide 8)

- In 2016 14,647 inmates were transported by the Central Transportation Unit (CTU).

Representative Guttenberg:

Do the records DOC receives when holding those for Deportation include information about their country of origin and religion?

- The Country of origin is included and religion if it is provided. DOC does not have a requirement that religious information be included.

What is the Pretrial Timeline?

Chapter 36 SLA '16 (SB 91) established a Pretrial Service Division with an effective date of January 1, 2018. The department received partial funding (approximately 30%) and 29 new positions in FY2017 to establish programmatic policy, operational start-up capacity, and initiate work with stakeholders and local entities who will assist with remote supervision pretrial operations. This funding did not include funds for one-time purchases and start-up costs. Many of the initial expenses must go toward establishing infrastructure such as office space, office equipment, and database development.

Below is a timeline in regard to DOC's Pretrial implementation:

- **Phase I:**

- Hired a new Director of Pretrial Services in August 2016.
- Hired an Administrative Assistant with an expected start date in February 2017.
- Recruitment of five Pretrial Officer (PO) III supervisor positions in process and it is expected these positions will be filled by late March 2017.
- FY2017 funding will also be used towards one-time startup costs. Position funding is needed to apply toward initial startup expenses as outlined below, as well as pay for initial recruitment requirements for new employee physical and medical testing. Filling positions was delayed until office space and equipment was identified and procured. There are currently 3 buildings identified and we are negotiating leases and working on the necessary renovations and purchase of furniture and other office equipment.
- Initial startup expenses include: leases, facility construction and remodels, computer database programming, vehicles, small tools, equipment, desks, computers, phones, UA supplies, security cameras, metal detectors, etc.

- **Phase II:**

- Recruitments of initial new positions POII, CJTs, and Office Assistants are in progress and expected to be filled by June 30, 2017.
- Hiring of POIIs involves multiple steps and it will take several weeks before we will have qualified applicants who have completed all phases of the recruitment process. We anticipate multiple hiring panels and continual recruitment for the additional 30 PO I/II positions for start dates in early to mid-July.
- An academy will be held in late August for these new POs.
- Pretrial Pilots are planned to begin in September 2017 requiring offices be fully established and staff hired and trained.

- **Phase III:**

- On-going recruitments will continue for any remaining hard to fill positions. Statewide program implementation begins on January 2018.

Cc: Representative Scott Kawasaki, Corrections House Finance Sub-Committee Chair