

Overview:

Dept. of Corrections

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*Joint H. HESS and H. Jud. Standing Com.
Minutes dated 1-26-89 & 2-24-89*

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

A. Functions of Department of Corrections

Constitutional Mandate

Penal administration shall be based on the principle of reformation and upon the need for protecting the public.

1. Statutory Basis

AS 33.05	Probation Administration Act
AS 33.16	Parole Administration
AS 33.20	Executive Pardons and Clemency
AS 33.32	Prison Facilities and Prisoners
AS 33.35	Correctional Industries
AS 33.36	Agreement on Detainers
Exec. Order #55	Created the Department of Corrections
AS 47.37.170	Treatment and Services for intoxicated persons and persons incapacitated by alcohol

2. Duties

The overall mission of the criminal justice system is to enhance social order and public safety. The criminal justice system consists of law enforcement, prosecution, defense, courts and corrections. As a component of the justice system, the mission of corrections is to:

- Enforce court ordered pre-trial supervision and detention of those accused of unlawful behavior prior to adjudication;
- Maintain the integrity of law by administering sanctions and punishments imposed by courts for unlawful behavior;
- Offer a wide range of correctional options, including community corrections, institutions and community residential center services necessary to meet the needs of both society and offenders; and
- Provide work, educational and rehabilitative programs for offenders that will enhance community integration and economic self-sufficiency. These programs must be administered in a just and equitable manner within the least restrictive environment consistent with public safety.

3. Staffing and Locations

The Department of Corrections currently has 1269 full time positions. The organizational chart for the Department and a map indicating the location of staff around the state are presented in Attachments I and II.

B. Brief funding history

	<u>FY85</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY86</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY87</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY88</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY89</u> <u>Actual</u>
# of inmates	2,027	2,340	2,491	2,541	2,603
# of employees	993	1,003	999	1,150	1,269
Operating Budget	\$71,497.2	\$78,470.6	\$78,291.4	\$84,935.2	\$94,624.3

C. Changes to current year budget

The changes to the current year budget are the deletion of federal funds received through a grant from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and full-year funding of those positions that were partially funded in FY89.

D. Highlights of budget request

1. Projects/programs deleted or reduced

The only project deleted was caused by the expiration of a grant from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). This grant provided funding for a non-permanent position while the incumbent of the permanent position was duty stationed in Washington, D.C. with NIC.

2. New or expanded projects/programs

Program expansions are being requested in the following areas:

- Probation field services personnel in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Dillingham and program service aides in rural Alaska
- Mental Health Clinician at Cook Inlet Pre-trial Facility
- Physicians Assistant at Cook Inlet Pre-trial Facility

- Replacement of hand-held radios at various institutions
- Inmate Gate Money *What's Gate money? Does it cost more than giving them the P.F.*
- Postsecondary and vocational education programs
- Community Residential Center for Mentally Ill and Developmentally Disabled Offenders
- Anger Management services
- Substance Abuse programs
- Sex Offender treatment
- Program Receipts Funding Change for Spring Creek Correctional Center
- Personal Services underfunding

E. Major issues

1. Unfunded increments

- Clerical, accounting and research staff
- Employee Assistance Program
- Risk Management Increase in Major Medical
- Personal Services Underfunding

2. Capital requests

Funded

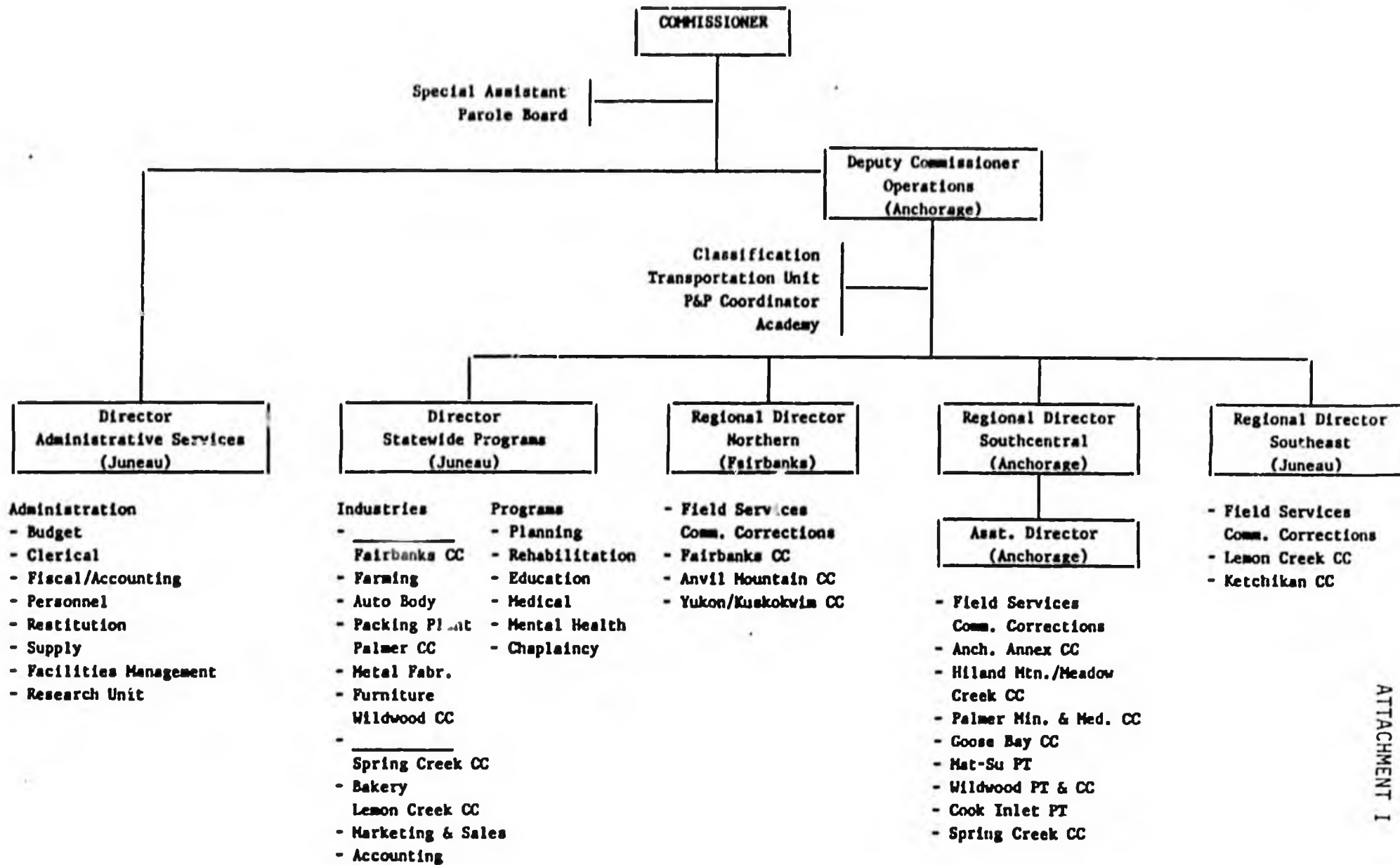
- Statewide repair and renovation
- Fairbanks Correctional Center control room and booking area renovation
- Palmer Minimum CC expansion and renovation, planning and design phase
- Hiland Mountain CC control room and perimeter upgrades
- Wildwood CC roof repair, phase III

Unfunded

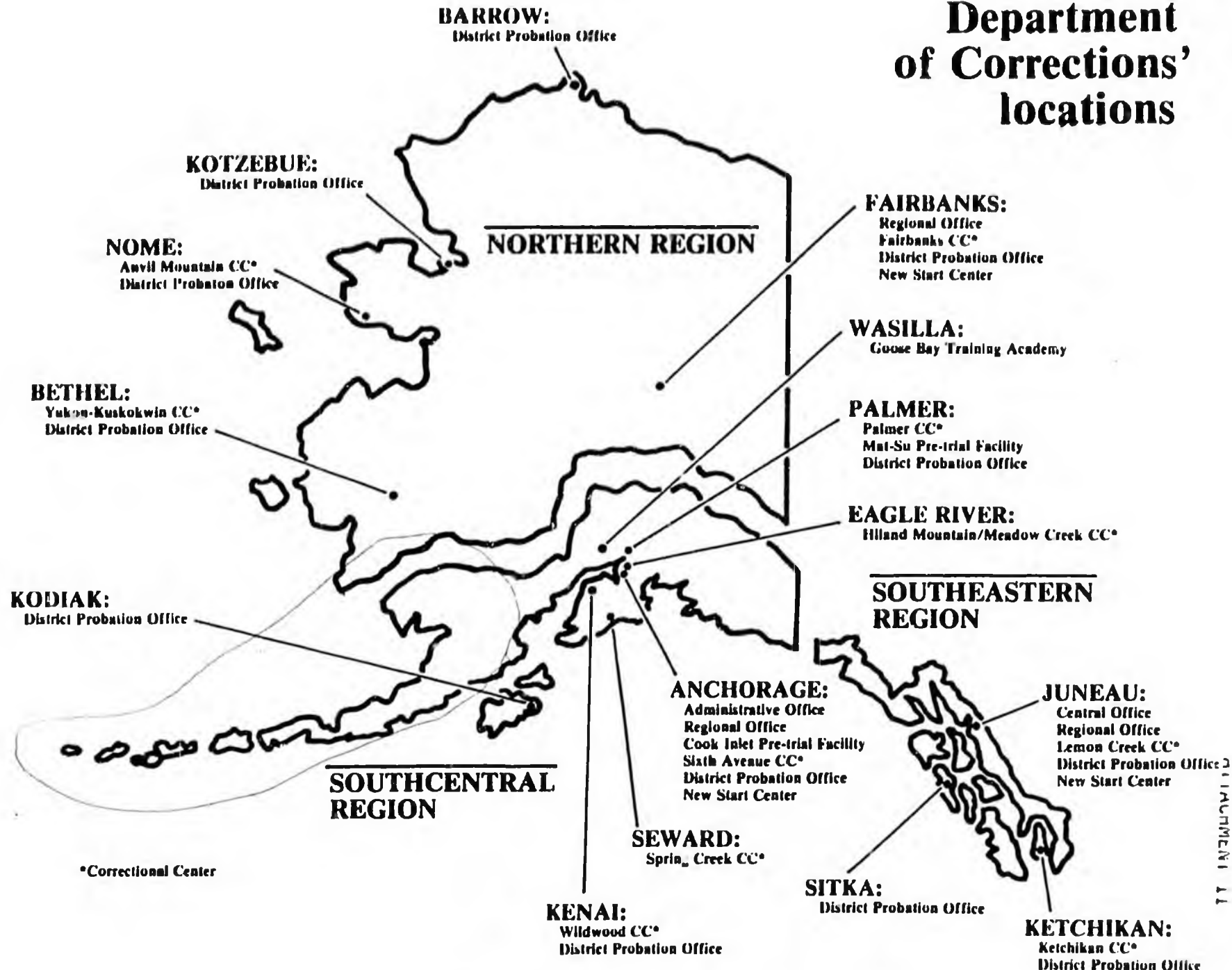
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3. Need for or impact of proposed legislation

- Increase DWI penalties and decrease DWLS penalties
- Limits on liability
- Parole Board extension



Department of Corrections' locations



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