

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FY2012 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
February 22, 2011

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Chair	Rep. Gatto	Rep. Gruenberg
Rep. Herron	Rep. Kawasaki	Rep. Lynn
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections submits a recommended operating budget for FY2012 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 253,642.8
Designated General Funds (DGF)	15,211.0
Other Funds	14,925.0
Federal Funds	3,220.6
TOTAL	\$ 286,999.4

BUDGET ACTION:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections held six meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. The following are budget action highlights:

- The Subcommittee recommends authorizing the same amount of general funds and the same number of full-time positions as the Governor's Amended FY2012 request.
- The Subcommittee recommends an increase from the FY2012 Adjusted Base of \$17,914.4 UGF and a decrease of \$2,682.9 DGF for a total General Fund change of \$15,231.5. The change from Adjusted Base in Other Funds is \$902.8 and there is no change in Federal Funds. The total change from the Adjusted Base is \$16,134.3 and there is no change in full-time positions.

Accepted

1. Population Management – Goose Creek Correctional Center, Phased-In Opening, \$3,607.1, UGF

DOC is scheduled to take leased ownership of the new correctional center in December, 2011. This increment will cover a phased-in occupancy and allow for testing of all core systems in the facility. Operational costs include the rotation of five or more correctional officers, three maintenance positions and 30 minimum security inmates.

2. Inmate Health Care – Physical Health Care, Increased Physical Health Care Costs, \$1,500.0, UGF

The department is required to provide and pay for health care services for all incarcerated offenders. Rising health care costs and an increase in prisoners is driving this request.

3. Population Management – Community Jails, \$1,300.0, UGF

This request is a catch-up exercise to promote funding equity among 15 communities whose jails hold offenders that violated state law. The department initiated a cost allocation analysis in FY08 and recommended increased funds to community jails.

4. Population Management – Community Residential Centers, \$933.5, UGF

In recent years, the department has offset a shortfall in the CRC component using existing authorization from the Electronic Monitoring component. Excess authorization is no longer available to CRC.

AMENDMENT ACTION:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections also analyzed the Governor's budget amendments submitted by February 16, 2011, and took the following action:

Accepted:

1. Population Management – Out of State Contractual, \$2,136.9, UGF

The out-of-state inmate population has increased from 900 to 1,050.

2. Population Management – Institution Director's Office, \$3,504.4, UGF

Increased In-state prisoner population has driven costs up in officer overtime, food, clothing and bedding. This increment will be spread out through facilities statewide.

3. Inmate Health Care – Physical Health Care, \$2,511.5, UGF

The department is obligated to provide essential medical care to incarcerated individuals. Costs for health care and unbudgeted on-call positions are in excess of available authority.

4. Population Management – Spring Creek Correctional Center, \$439.4, UGF

This increment covers the Alaska Correctional Officers' Association (ACOA) Arbitration Agreement costs. The original cost calculations were lower than actual costs.

5. Population Management – Community Residential Centers, \$257.5, UGF

The contract with Northstar CRC was renegotiated, resulting in a higher rate for regular and per diem beds, as well as an increase in the number of contracted regular beds.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

The subcommittee has adopted the Governor's FY12 Amended budget without changes.

The subcommittee would like to see the Department continue to research ways to reduce Inmate Health Care costs, increase use of their Offender Habilitation programs, and prepare an analysis showing costs of overtime for Correctional Officers versus hiring new employees.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections adopts the attached reports:

Subcommittee generated reports

Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports – House Structure

1. Agency Totals – FY2012 Operating Budget
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
4. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and H Subcomm
5. Wordage Report – FY2012 Operating Budget



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