

## **Department of Corrections**

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The Honorable Andy Josephson Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Bldg. Room 505 Juneau, AK 99801-1182 The Honorable Neal Foster Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Bldg. Room 511 Juneau, AK 99801-1182 The Honorable Calvin Schrage Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Bldg. Room 410 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Sent via email: house.finance.legislation@akleg.gov

Dear Co-Chairs Josephson, Foster, and Schrage,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to questions asked during the House Finance Committee hearing held on February 17, 2025. The Department of Corrections' (DOC) responses are as follows:

- Rep Josephson asked what has caused the (approx.) \$164,000.0 increase over the years and whether it will continue?
  - o Attachment one is the FY2020 FY2026 GF Budget Summary
- Rep Galvin inquired about the Prison Rape Elimination Act.
  - Information on the last seven years of the Department of Corrections PREA can be found
    at: <u>Prison Rape Elimination Act | Institutions | Alaska Department of Corrections</u>
- Rep Josephson questioned whether Recidivism Reduction Grant funds are being used for recidivism reduction.
  - O The Recidivism Reduction Fund was established with the passage of SB91 under AS 43.61.010 and allows for the Legislature to make appropriations from the fund to DOC for recidivism reduction programs. These programs are outlined under AS 47.38.100. Recidivism Reduction funds have been appropriated to the Community Residential Centers since origination as well as through other Rehabilitation Programs such as Education, Vocational Education, Reentry, and Recidivism Reduction Contracts, DOC is proposing to consolidate these funds into one allocation for easier tracking and reporting of the funds.

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These funds support the transition and re-entry of offenders releasing from a correctional center into the community by providing housing and programs within a CRC.

DOC utilizes Geo Reentry Services. Information about their reentry services can be found here: <u>Transitional Housing Services for Parolees - GEO Reentry Services</u>

DOC utilizes the Gastineau Human Services Corporation. Information about their services can be found here: <u>Services | Gastineau Human Services Corporation</u>

- Rep Stapp Requested a list of standby rosters within the Division of Pretrial, Probation & Parole. He also asked how often people are called in while on standby pay, or how many people are getting paid standby pay and not going in to work.
  - o Attachment two: DOC Standby Roster Detail.

Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,

Jen Winkelman Commissioner

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