

MINUTES
SENATE JUDICIARY & RULES COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW54
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Lodge, Senators Davis, Mortimer, Hagedorn, Bock and Werk
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Vick, Senators Nuxoll and Lakey
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chairman Lodge** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked the secretary to call the roll.
- RS 22035** **Relating to Behavioral Health Services;** with letter of unanimous consent from the Health and Welfare Committee to introduce for print.
- RS 22050** **Relating to Radiologic Imaging;** with letter of unanimous consent from the Health and Welfare Committee to introduce for print.
- RS 22060** **Relating to Organ Donor Notification;** with letter of unanimous consent from the Health and Welfare Committee to introduce for print.
- MOTION:** **Senator Werk** moved to print **RS 22035, RS 22050, and RS 22060.** **Senator Mortimer** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote.**
- PRESENTATION:** **Department of Juvenile Correction Update - Sharon Harrigfeld**, Director, stated they had 394 staff members that were working in partnership with Idaho communities to reduce juvenile crime. She told the committee about the history of the Idaho Juvenile Justice by showing a timeline from 1899 to 1995 and then from 1995, when the department was established, to 2013. **Ms. Harrigfeld** discussed the continuum of care, using prevention, intervention and rehabilitation. The goal being to have a productive citizen to make the transition into the community. She expounded on the behavioral health resources and their system goals. They are to:
- serve juveniles at the community level
 - intervene early to address mental health and substance use disorder issues
 - maximize positive outcomes
 - evaluate the results
- She described the institutions that the agency operates in Lewiston, Nampa and St. Anthony and said they operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Last year they graduated 48 with high school diplomas, 29 received their GEDs and of those, 30 percent are attending college. One of the outcomes that creates a positive productive adult is education. Their day is structured and they go to school 52 weeks a year. Many of the juveniles have been involved with other systems, developmental disabilities (4.4 percent), problem solving court (6.6 percent), children's mental health (35.2 percent) and child protection services (53.8 percent). Ms. Harrigfeld's presentation and Legislative Update for 2013 are attached (See Attachment 1). In the last ten years, their population has grown in the age group of 10 to 17, eight percent, but they arrested 5,000 less juveniles in that same ten years.

Chairman Lodge commented that families are appreciative of the treatment that their children have received. She has received emails after custody review hearings from families thanking the staff for helping to change the life of their child.

Senator Werk asked about children with academic capabilities and how they might get through the education system more rapidly and attend college. **Ms. Harrigfeld** said they had an honor society in some of the facilities. The kids also have the ability to do online classes for college credits. **Senator Werk** said it was not so simple to get kids in the facility online access because it comes with other potential issues. He asked if she was able to work through those problems to make it easier for her charges to get online access and perhaps take more than one class. **Ms. Harrigfeld** said it was an ongoing process, but they are working on it in spite of the difficulty of making sure their charges are safe and keeping them from sites they should not be on.

In closing, and in light of the last comment, **Ms. Harrigfeld** said that one of the things they were looking at is positive outcomes. She said she understood recidivism numbers and Idaho ranks with many other states in that 70 percent of the kids make it. They don't commit another crime within the first year they are out of the department's custody. She would like for these children to be proud of their accomplishments, whether school or jobs. She is proud of the direction they are going.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, **Chairman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m

Senator Lodge
Chairman

Leigh Hinds
Secretary