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5-Year Appropriations/Expenditures Comparison

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- No New Line Items in FY 2022
- MCO Budget Request in FY 2023

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/
Our mission is to promote confidence and accountability in state government.
Evaluate state programs and policies

Answer questions about efficiency, effectiveness, and compliance

Make recommendations

Conduct follow-ups
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee

Provides general oversight

Assigns evaluation projects

Releases reports and takes action
Credibility

Independence and objectivity

Evidence

Responsiveness

Transparency
Success

Depends on...

the types of work assigned to us

whether our evaluations are used
Driving change in...
Child Welfare

- Child Welfare System
  Feb. 2017

- Representation for Children and Youth in Child Protection Cases
  Feb. 2018

- Child Welfare System: Reducing the Risk of Adverse Outcomes
  Mar. 2018

- Evaluation and Retention of Child Neglect Referrals
  Sep. 2021
Driving change in...

Residential Care

Residential Care

Southwest Idaho Treatment Center

Governance of Nursing Assistants
24 hr. Review

Office of Performance Evaluations
Idaho Legislature

Background review of Idaho’s Governance of Nursing Assistants
Requested by Senator Dave Lent
Prepared by Ryan Langrill, PhD

Scope of background review
This document is a background review and not an evaluation. Background reviews are used by the Office of Performance Evaluations to provide to legislators and other stakeholders the information and findings about the performance of state agencies and the delivery of governmental services. The reviews typically conduct within 24 working hours and are based on readily available sources. This document does not contain formal findings or recommendations.
Driving change in...

Public Health

State Response to Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias

Volunteer Providers of Emergency Medical Services

Medicaid Provider Payments

Dec. 2020

Nov. 2021

Feb. 2022
Driving change in...

Education

Investments in Postsecondary Education

K-12 Public School Buildings

Jun. 2021

Jan. 2022
Driving change in...

Criminal Justice

Pardons and Parole: Program Improvements and Statutory Changes

Managing Correctional Capacity

House of Representatives
State of Idaho

March 5, 2021

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee Chair:

Dear Senator Harris and Representative Ruby:

We write to propose an Office of Performance Evaluations study of ways Idaho can reduce costs in our criminal justice system, promote successful post-incarceration transitions, and reduce prison population while promoting public safety.

For the past few decades, Idaho’s prison population has grown at an alarming rate. Until very recently our prison population growth has outpaced even other states. This exponential growth threatens other funding priorities for the state. Our current incarceration trends will also likely require significant capital investment to increase prison capacity. In 2016 the cost was projected to be $500 million.

It has been several years since Idaho passed the Idaho Rebound Amendment Act with the goal of reducing those growing trends. However, there remain many to do, especially at the front end and back end of the criminal justice system. This is a clear moment to take stock of our current system and identify what future steps we should take in a new.

We propose that specific study questions include:

- What metrics or programming is Idaho currently using to evaluate community supervision and transition to improve the success of post-incarceration transitions? Are these outcomes expected and effective than alternatives? Are these new approaches or interventions to our current programs that Idaho should consider?
- What front-end programs could Idaho begin to evaluate to prevent initial incarceration, including those widely available parole operating stove, diversionary programs, and other approaches?
- What evidence-based program initiatives should Idaho consider pre-release, post-incarceration, and at the evidence-based level for adults and for youth?
- What is the extent of investment for the measures explored in the questions above and how are they likely to impact recidivism and public safety?

This report would allow the Legislature to:
- evaluate the effectiveness of current approaches to post-incarceration transitions,
- assess the appropriateness of current levels of funding of community supervision and other reentry programs, and
- consider additional front-end and post-incarceration programming to address rising prison rates while simultaneously promoting public safety and benefits.
Staff Commitment to Good Government

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Evaluator, Liz Demer
# FY23 Request

## Office of Performance Evaluations

### Historical Summary

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