

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015
- TIME:** 8:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room C310
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senators Co-chairman Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Bair, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey
- Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Monks, King, Gannon
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- CONVENED:** Representative Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- PRESENTER:** **Patti Tobias, Consultant, Idaho Supreme Court**
Kevin Kempf, Director, Department of Correction
Sandy Jones, Executive Director, Commission on Pardons & Parole Special Hearing:
Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), LBB Page 3-53
Ms. Tobias opened her presentation with a discussion on Idaho prison population drivers, the JRI policy framework (S1357), the fiscal impact of those policies, and projected outcomes. Ms. Tobias further discussed the judiciary perspective on JRI, with an emphasis on evidence-based practices, and ensuring manageable caseloads and training for probation and parole officers. **Director Kempf** and **Executive Director Jones** followed with a status report on moneys received and expended in implementing the provisions of S1357. Ms. Tobias concluded with the FY 2016 Budget Recommendation and stood for questions. [Special Hearing: Justice Reinvestment](#)
- PRESENTER:** **Kevin Kempf, Director, Department of Correction**
Management Services, LBB Page 3-9
Director Kempf presented a thorough and passionate review of the Idaho Department of Correction. Director Kempf briefly spoke about the Manage Services Supplemental Request, emphasizing Balla legal fees and the Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (ILETS). This system is a dedicated data communications network that links local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies to state records and files, and also to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).
State Prisons, LBB Page 3-15
Director Kempf spoke with great emphasis on the officer training fund, with new training programs for the development and retention of skilled parole officers. Motivational interviewing, and Community-Based Resources specifically web-based reporting for more accurate managing of offenders, will all be apart of the new officer training and development for security retention of Idaho state prisons. A web-based reporting system is to be completed in the month of March, creating two positions in IT development.

Private Prisons, LBB Page 3-25

Director Kempf further discussed the Idaho State Correctional Center and Institutional Management. He spoke in support of the Governor's Recommendation for the Expenditure Adjustment (ISCC) and base adjustments to management services. Director Kempf provided information regarding contracts developed for the food service, medical treatment, and inmate management services.

County and Out-of-State Placements, LBB Page 3-29

Director Kempf spoke on the capacity of Idaho and out-of-state correctional facilities with a firm expression of keeping Idaho inmates in Idaho prisons. He presented the ISCC Staffing first-annual swearing-in ceremony, and the population increase of Idaho inmates.

Correctional Alternative Placement Program (CAPP), LBB Page 3-33

Director Kempf provided information about the Correctional Alternative Placement Program (CAPP) and the rate increase on the Budget Recommendation.

Community Corrections, LBB Page 3-37

Director Kempf focused next on Community Corrections; Idaho Probation and Parole Population fiscal years 2009–2014, concluding average supervision costs of \$3.79 each day (this includes interstate compact). Director Kempf further discussed line items concerning uniform replacement for Idaho Parole Officers, and costs related to the sex-offender management electronic monitoring.

Education and Treatment, LBB Page 3-43

Director Kempf briefly spoke on educational and rehabilitation opportunities through the Idaho Correctional Industries and expressed gratitude for the partnerships that make these meaningful opportunities possible.

Medical Services, LBB Page 3-47

Director Kempf concluded the entirety of his presentation with an explanation of the Medical Services and the line items associated with medical treatment to Idaho's inmates. Director Kempf then stood for questions regarding the IMIS Service and Hepatitis C Treatment to inmates. Please refer to the following link for inquiry on any of the above topics. [Department of Correction](#)

PRESENTER: **Sandy Jones, Executive Director, Commission on Pardons & Parole**
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Director Jones Presented the FY 2016 Budget Recommendation for the Idaho Commission for Pardons and Parole. She provided statistical support to illustrate the department improvements and programs including; parole consideration criteria, medical parole, and Parole Hearings by Commissioners. Director Jones further discussed the two major changes to parole violations under **SB 1357** (20–219, section 7B) and **SB 1357** (20–29B, section 17), and illustrated increase in workload for administrative employees and hearing officers. Director Jones then stood for question regarding the Budget Recommendation. [Commission for Pardons and Parole](#)

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Christi Cox
Secretary