



## Criminal Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee

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### 2020 FINAL REPORT

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## **I. Committee Charge**

The Criminal Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee was authorized in 2014 by Section 67-456, Idaho Code. The purpose of the committee is to monitor, study and guide analysis and policy development in all aspects of the criminal justice system in Idaho including, but not limited to, monitoring performance and outcome measures as set forth in the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRI) and studying the data-driven justice reinvestment and resource allocation approach and policies to improve public safety, reduce recidivism and reduce spending on corrections in Idaho.

## **II. Meetings**

The committee held a meeting remotely on Thursday, October 29.

## **III. Updates Provided to the Committee**

At its October 29 meeting, the committee heard updates from Director Josh Tewalt of the Idaho Department of Correction and Executive Director Ashley Dowell of the Commission of Pardons and Parole. Director Tewalt discussed the operations and planning of the Department during the pandemic; population trends that they are seeing; funds that they have received via the CARES Act and how those are being used; and changes in supervision practices. Executive Director Dowell discussed the Commission's decision making process and guidelines for parole; the current rates for the granting of parole and for parole violations; the number of individual case reviews that they've performed in 2020; and the impact of COVID-19 on the Commission's work. The presentations of Director Tewalt and Executive Director Dowell are attached to this report.