

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5004

Department of Corrections

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gorsek

HB 5004 is the budget bill for the Department of Corrections. The Department operates the state's prison system and funds Community Corrections programs in every county.

The Public Safety Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of almost \$2.1 billion, with 4,779 positions and 4,686.65 FTE. This budget funds all Department programs at the current service level, but does include a budget reduction of \$32.3 million and 121.25 FTE for the Governor's closure of two minimum-security prisons in the 2021-23 biennium. General Fund investments totaling \$111.6 million and 107 new positions will allow the Department to decrease its use of overtime, pay for needed pharmaceuticals and other health care costs, and increase state funding for Community Corrections services provided by counties. \$37.3 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds were approved for deferred maintenance projects in every prison. Key performance measures and targets were approved as presented, with recommended changes noted.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5004 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.