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To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Public Safety

From: Harvey Mathews, Legislative Director

Re: Answers to questions posed during the March 10th informational hearing on HB 5004

Co-Chair Broadman, Co-Chair Evans, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to the question posed by the Committee in today's meeting on Department of Corrections' (DOC) budget, HB 5004. Below we have outlined each question and provided our answer.

Representative Chotzen asked what DOC's cost per day per AIC is:

Our 2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget cost per day is \$184.31. That cost includes AIC housing, security, and programs but excludes administrative costs. Our ongoing AIC rate for 2023-25 Legislatively Approved budget is \$26.05/day. The ongoing rate is the incremental cost for each additional AIC. This only covers food, clothing, medication and doesn't include DOC staffing, etc. Once we have an official budget for 2025-27, we will recalculate the cost per day and AIC ongoing rate based on the updated budget.

Representative Helfrich asked if the VISOR notifications are sent for AICs who are working on the wildland fire crews:

To be eligible for a fire crew, the person must already be minimum custody and "fence-cleared," which means they have been cleared by DOC Security to leave the confines of the institution while under DOC supervision. VISOR does not send notifications when a fire crew is deployed for security reasons. Persons other than victims may sign up in VISOR for AIC notifications, which often includes family and friends. Having knowledge that a person is outside the institution would allow for coordination of "drops" or potential assistance with an escape.

Co-Chair Broadman asked if DOC has determined a solution for evidence disposal with the Gervis incinerator closing and the viability of using the incinerator at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI)

DOC has looked into the decommissioned incinerator at EOCI and what it would take to get it back up and running; however, all the mechanics to make the Smelter operational were removed and the stack is no longer serviceable or repairable.

DOC does not have a set disposal plan yet but has identified a few locations out of state which may work. Unfortunately, use of these facilities would require longer transport times and additional work hours. DOC is also looking into additional storage until the issue is remedied. DOC follows the evidence handling protocol of the State Police, all the way through to destruction. State Police also have not found a solution yet, but they have a team working on a solution.

Senator Campos asked for the 2023 DOC Key Performance Metrics to compare to the current metrics.

DOC Key Performance Measures			
KPM	Target	Actual	Performance Summary
Measure 17 Compliance	80%	71%	Yellow
Recidivism - Arrest (New Crime)	40%	55.70%	Red
Recidivism - Convicted (New Misdemeanor)	30%	41.50%	Yellow
Recidivism - Incarcerated (New Felony)	10%	14.80%	Green
Staff Assaults	80	61	Green
Walk a Ways	0	5	Yellow
Reduce Energy Usage	141.39kBtu/Sq Ft	116.98kBtu/Sq Ft	Green
AIC Misconducts	1,300	699	Green
Secure Custody Escapes	0	0	Green
Unarmed Perimeter Escapes	0	0	Green
Leave Programs	85%	86.63%	Green
Customer Service - AIC Visiting	80% Overall Score	75.54%	Green
Offsite Medical Healthcare	1%	1.15%	Yellow
OSHA Recordable Rate	6.5	3.40%	Green

This slide highlights the status of our Key Performance Measures.

Overall as an agency we are within 5% of our target on most of our measures.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw a significant increase in our off-site medical care.

I'd like to highlight our reduction in energy usage. We are at a 29.4% energy reduction since the baseline year in 2013, and our goal was a total reduction of 20%. As an agency we continue to look for efficiencies and have set goals for each of our facilities and continue to work on improving education and awareness for employees and AICs around behavior practices that effect energy usage.