

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 11, 2025  
08:00 AM

Hearing Room H-174

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Anthony Broadman, Co-Chair  
Sen. Wlinsvey Campos  
Sen. David Brock Smith

Rep. Paul Evans, Co-Chair  
Rep. Willy Chotzen  
Rep. Dacia Grayber  
Rep. Jeffrey Helfrich  
Rep. Rick Lewis

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Robbins, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Lizzie Lohrer, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

**00:00:27**      [Meeting Called to Order](#)  
**00:00:28**      Representative Evans, Presiding Co-Chair  
**00:01:01**      Steve Robbins, Legislative Fiscal Office  
  
**00:01:23**      [HB 5004 Department of Corrections](#)  
**00:01:42**      Michael Reece, Director, Department of Corrections  
**00:02:09**      Josh Highberger, Assistant Director of Operations, Department of Corrections  
**00:04:03**      Co-Chair Broadman  
**00:04:26**      Mr. Highberger  
**00:06:22**      Co-Chair Evans  
**00:06:54**      Mr. Highberger  
**00:08:27**      Co-Chair Evans  
**00:08:57**      Mr. Highberger  
**00:12:39**      Co-Chair Evans  
**00:12:59**      Mr. Highberger  
**00:13:26**      Rep. Helfrich  
**00:13:55**      Co-Chair Evans  
**00:14:18**      Mr. Highberger  
**00:15:09**      Co-Chair Evans

00:15:22 Mr. Reece  
00:15:46 Co-Chair Evans  
00:15:56 Mr. Highberger  
00:17:53 Co-Chair Broadman  
00:18:19 Mr. Highberger  
00:18:25 Co-Chair Broadman  
00:19:18 Mr. Reece  
00:20:11 Co-Chair Broadman  
00:20:27 Rep. Chotzen  
00:20:33 Mr. Reece  
00:21:09 Heidi Steward, Deputy Director and Interim Health Services Director, Department  
of Corrections  
00:26:19 Co-Chair Evans  
00:26:34 Ms. Steward  
00:29:47 Co-Chair Evans  
00:30:49 Ms. Steward  
00:31:08 Rep. Grayber  
00:31:43 Ms. Steward  
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00:51:21 Rep. Grayber  
00:51:40 Ms. Steward  
00:51:58 Rep. Grayber  
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00:52:59 Sen. Campos  
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01:02:19 Rep. Lewis  
01:02:52 Ms. Steward  
01:02:59 Rep. Grayber  
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01:03:44 Larry Bennett, Assistant Director, Correctional Services Division, Department of  
Corrections  
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01:24:00 Co-Chair Evans  
01:24:22 Steve Robbins, Legislative Fiscal Office  
  
01:24:31 Meeting Adjourned