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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL
RESOURCES, AND TRANSPORTATION**
CLOSING REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 16 BUDGETS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS RESULT IN A GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$2.3 MILLION IN FY 2003-04 AND AN ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$2.5 MILLION IN FY 2004-05 AS COMPARED TO THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET IS PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY THE PROJECTED NUMBER OF INMATES TO BE HOUSED. THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROVIDED FUNDING TO HOUSE AN AVERAGE OF 10,397 INMATES IN FY 2003-04 AND 10,607 INMATES IN FY 2004-05. THE BUDGET, AS MODIFIED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TO HOUSE AN AVERAGE OF 10,510 INMATES IN FY 2003-04 AND 10,765 INMATES IN FY 2004-05, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 421 INMATES FROM THE STATES OF WYOMING AND WASHINGTON. THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION WAS THE RESULT OF AN UPDATED PROJECTION OF THE INMATE POPULATION BY THE INSTITUTE ON CRIME, JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS AT THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN MARCH 2003, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO HOUSE INMATES FROM WYOMING AND WASHINGTON.