DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FY17 - Increment Status Report

FY17 Funding Increases per SB91 (Ch. 36, SLA 2016) Omnibus Crim Law & Procedure; Corrections

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source	FY17 CC Book Comment	GF Dec?	LFD Notes/Questions?	Agency Response
1	Population Management/ Parole Board	SB 91 (Chapter 36, SLA 2016) Omnibus Crim Law & Procedure; Corrections	\$775.9 UGF 5 PFT Positions	Population Management/Parole Board \$775.9 UGF (\$75.0 for one-time start up costs will be removed in FY18) - Changes to sentencing, probation, parole and bail statutes resulting from this legislation necessitate the addition of four parole/probation officers and one criminal justice technician to accommodate the increased number of hearings.		How many positions have been filled? Please provide hire (or anticipated) hire dates.	3 positions filled, 1 PO IV in Anchorage will be filled by 01/30/2017 and the Juneau PO III is anticipated to be filled by 03/31/2017 and is pending space identification. Projected personal services within SB91 fiscal note are coming out higher than anticipated due to employee transfers as well as increased Parole Board hearings requiring the delay in the recruitment of these positions.
2	Population Management/ Pre- Trial Services	SB 91 (Chapter 36, SLA 2016) Omnibus Crim Law & Procedure; Corrections	\$3,260.1 UGF 29 PFT Positions	Population Management/Pre-Trial Services (new allocation) FY17 funding will support 26 new Pre-Trial officers (akin to probation officers) and 3 Criminal Justice Technicians to: 1) conduct mandatory risk assessments on all arrested individuals (approximately 32,000 annually) within 24 hours of their arraignment and make recommendations to the Court based on the defendant's risk score; 2) provide pretrial supervision for all individuals released pre-trial; and 3) coordinate with the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission to track and report on progress and implementation of the legislation. The fiscal note reflects that an additional \$6.9 million UGF will be requested in FY18, with an estimated 51 additional pre-trial positions needed to fully implement the new program (based on current population projections). However, it should be noted that these measures are intended to reduce the prison population and should ultimately result in a reduction of institutional staffing levels.		How many positions have been filled? Please provide hire (or anticipated) hire dates.	1 Director position is filled, 3 positions (2 - PO IV's 1 - Admin Assistant) are under recruitment with one anticipated start date 01/31/2017. Recruitment for remaining positions will occur by March 31, 2017 with anticipated fill dates by 06/30/2017. SB91 Fiscal Note excluded any one-time start-up costs and funding from the vacant positions is being used to support these start-up costs such as: space renovations, computers, furniture, equipment, vehicles, etc.
	Population Management/ Community Residential Centers	SB 91 (Chapter 36, SLA 2016) Omnibus Crim Law & Procedure; Corrections	\$500.0 Recidivism Reduction Funds (DGF)	Population Management/Community Residential Centers \$500.0 Recidivism Reduction Funds (DGF) - The legislature established a new recidivism reduction fund (which consists of 50% of the proceeds from an excise tax on marijuana) to support recidivism reduction activities. This funding is intended for offender rehabilitation within the CRCs, including treatment for substance abuse and cognitive behavioral disorders.	No	Have treatment services epanded in CRCs as intended?	A contract was awarded for substance abuse tratment and cognitive behavioral disorder programming within the Seaside CRC in the amount of \$38.0 effective 01/01/2017. RFPs for Bethel and Juneau are being developed for solicition and expected to be implemented by 03/31/2017 with Fairbanks and Anchorage solicitions following. It is anticipated all locations will have the additional expanded treatment programs implemented by 07/01/2017.
4	Population Management/ Substance Abuse Treatment Program	SB 91 (Chapter 36, SLA 2016) Omnibus Crim Law & Procedure; Corrections	\$500.0 Recidivism Reduction Funds (DGF)	Health and Rehabilitation Services/Substance Abuse Treatment Program \$500.0 Recidivism Reduction Funds (DGF) - Funding to expand institutional rehabilitation for substance abuse treatment is intended to serve more prisoners prior to community release.	Potential reduction of DGF for half of year.	Have institutional treatment services expanded as intended?	The department is working on solicitations that will expand services and have individual contracts for services within each facility and will include the expanded programming. It is anticipated to have these contracts in place by 03/31/2017.