

**Department of Corrections
2013 Reductions Report**

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Corrections on managing the 2013-15 General Fund budget reductions, and to consider the Department's funding request with other statewide rebalance issues in the 2014 budget reconciliation bill, with the understanding that the Department may return to the legislative body for further funding discussions.

A budget note in the 2013 budget reconciliation bill directed the Department to address unspecified General Fund budget reductions without facility closures or staff layoffs, and to report progress to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means in February 2014.

The Department identified \$78 million in unspecified budget reductions. That amount does not include the cost of bargained personal services increases. To manage the shortfall, the Department has engaged in more aggressive transition management, sustainability efforts, using certain positions to reduce overtime expense, and earned time credit modification, for expected cost avoidance of \$18.9 million.

The Department requested the 2% holdback of \$26.1 million be restored, and that an additional \$14.9 million be funded, to avoid layoffs. This request is in addition to distribution of around \$27 million from the special purpose appropriation for state worker compensation.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report and considering the funding request with other statewide issues in the 2014 budget reconciliation bill.