

**Item 21: Department of Corrections
Oregon State Penitentiary Minimum Security Facility**

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board deny a request from the Department of Corrections for \$3.8 million from the Emergency Fund to re-activate the Oregon State Penitentiary - Minimum by June 1st, 2017, to provide a second women's prison to accommodate the current prison population and the anticipated population growth reflected in the October 2016 prison population forecast.

The Coffee Creek Correctional Facility is the state's only prison for women. The threshold number of inmates that can be safely housed there is 1,280. The facility is currently operating with 122 emergency beds and has operated over its population threshold since mid-May, 2016. The October 2016 forecast projects the average daily women's population to exceed 1,300 for the majority of the forecast period through October 2026. In deference to Justice Reinvestment efforts currently underway, the Department has made every effort to delay bringing additional women's prison beds on-line but has limited means of managing its population otherwise.

Subcommittee discussion revealed a wish to see other options for managing the flow of women offenders into the corrections system, and acknowledged the need to commit to a course of action for addressing the women's inmate population no later than March 15th, 2017.

The Subcommittee recommends denial.