

SB 5504

Department of Corrections

SB 5504 is the budget bill for the Department of Corrections. It totals \$1.6 billion, of which \$1.56 billion is General Fund. At that level, General Fund is 7.6% higher than the 2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget, and just slightly under Current Service Level. The budget supports 4,522 positions.

The budget includes \$8.6 million for caseload changes in the April 2015 population forecast, \$5.2 million and 33 positions for the Department's staff wellness initiative, and \$1.1 million for 2 information technology projects: embarking on converting medical records to electronic format and upgrading the thin-client intranet network used for legal research and education support. The General Fund budget is reduced by \$20.2 million in response to statewide resource limitations.

There is a budget note addressing female population growth and capacity at the women's institution, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 5504 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.