

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 8: Public Defense Commission Remediation Plan

To: Emergency Board
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board acknowledge receipt of a report on a comprehensive remediation plan.

A budget note approved in the 2023 session directed the Public Defense Commission to regularly report on the Commission's restructuring and modernization efforts, including a comprehensive remediation plan. This report is the third iteration of the Commission's remediation plan, which continues to be of high and improving quality and includes caseload, financial forecasts, and procurement activities. The plan provides the agency with clear problem definition.

The key to the Public Defense Commission maturing as an agency is dependent upon strong governance, which has seen improvement, the hiring and retention of competent, professional staff, and selection of solutions to resolve issues identified in the remediation plan.

The Commission's next report on the agency's remediation plan will be to the Emergency Board in September 2024.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.