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Executive Offices, Criminal Justice and Legislature

Utah Department of Corrections
Board of Pardons

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1.0 Board of Pardons

Summary

The Board of Pardons is the release authority for inmates in the State of Utah.

	Analyst FY 2001 Base	Analyst FY 2001 Changes	Analyst FY 2001 Total
Financing			
General Fund	\$2,443,100		\$2,443,100
Dedicated Credits Revenue	2,000		2,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	145,100		145,100
Total	<u>\$2,590,200</u>		<u>\$2,590,200</u>
Programs			
Board Of Pardons and Parole	<u>\$2,590,200</u>		<u>\$2,590,200</u>
Total	<u>\$2,590,200</u>		<u>\$2,590,200</u>
FTE	36.2		36.2

3.0 Program: Board of Pardons

Recommendation The Analyst recommends a continuation budget for this program.

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	Est/Analyst
	Actual	Estimated	Analyst	Difference
Financing				
General Fund	\$2,323,300	\$2,467,400	\$2,443,100	(\$24,300)
Dedicated Credits Revenue	1,000	2,000	2,000	
Beginning Nonlapsing	145,100	151,000	145,100	(5,900)
Closing Nonlapsing	(151,000)			
Total	\$2,318,400	\$2,620,400	\$2,590,200	(\$30,200)
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$1,750,800	\$1,922,500	\$1,904,500	(\$18,000)
In-State Travel	11,400	12,000	12,000	
Out of State Travel	8,700	9,800	9,800	
Current Expense	491,900	543,900	531,700	(12,200)
DP Current Expense	55,600	66,700	66,700	
Other Charges/Pass Thru		65,500	65,500	
Total	\$2,318,400	\$2,620,400	\$2,590,200	(\$30,200)
FTE	32.5	36.2	36.2	

Summary

The Board of Pardons is the release authority for inmates in the State of Utah. The Board is responsible for reviewing an inmate's performance after the inmate is incarcerated, and determining when and under what conditions the inmate may be released after serving the minimum sentence required by law. In addition, the Board reviews violations of release conditions to decide whether an inmate should be sent back to prison, etc.

Although the Board of Pardons is budgeted with Corrections and works closely with them, the Executive Director of Corrections does not have line authority over the Board and cannot direct the Board of Pardons to release inmates early, impose release conditions, etc.

As of July 1, 1983, the Board of Pardons went from a part-time to a full-time Board. As a quasi-judicial body, the Board has a tremendous responsibility not only for public safety and inmate equity of treatment, but for the record keeping and process that must meet stringent legal scrutiny. In Utah most sentencing is indeterminate, and the Board, de facto, becomes the final sentencing authority and sets the standard for length of confinement for most felons.

**Adult Corrections Statistics
 “Snapshot” of Parolees, December 6, 1999**

	Male	Female		Male	Female
Veteran Status	#	#	Age	#	#
Veteran	385	3	Under 18	0	0
Non-Veteran	3,007	380	18-19	13	1
Active	19	0	20-24	509	33
Reserve	41	1	25-29	769	88
Other	8	0	30-34	681	95
Unknown	152	24	35-39	658	92
Last Grade Comp.			40-44	469	60
1-6	194	7	45-49	252	23
7-11	1,670	222	50-54	137	9
12	1,309	147	55-59	64	4
12+	410	32	60-64	32	2
Unknown	29	0	65 and over	28	1
Citizenship			Marital Status		
U.S. Citizen	3,150	398	Never Married	1,589	107
Non U.S. Citizen	424	4	Married	670	75
Unknown	38	6	Separated	171	58
Race			Divorced	933	127
White	2,378	308	Common Law	179	22
Hispanic	820	59	Widowed	21	8
Black	225	18	Unknown	44	9
Native American	94	11	Number of Arrests		
Asian	54	5	1-5	1,490	214
Unknown	41	7	6-10	894	90
Religion			11-15	373	43
LDS	1,102	119	16-20	242	14
Catholic	764	58	Over 20	370	17
Protestant	417	50	Unknown	243	30
Other	314	22	# of Convictions		
None	840	106	1-5	2,235	266
Unknown	175	53	6-10	843	62
# of Incarcerations			11-15	265	18
0			16-20	92	6
1			Over 20	82	3
2-4			Unknown	95	53
5-7			Degree of Crime		
8+			Capital	0	1
			First Degree	295	10
			Second Degree	1412	121
			Third Degree	1784	259
			Compact	90	16
			Misdemeanor	25	1
			Unknown	6	0

**Performance
Measures**

The offender population has increased 86 percent since 1990 while the Board's staff has increased only 42 percent.

During 1998	2,714 offenders were paroled	121% increase over 1990
	1,668 parole violations	119% increase over 1990

4.0 Tables

4.1 Funding History

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Analyst
Financing					
General Fund	\$2,104,600	\$2,208,900	\$2,323,300	\$2,467,400	\$2,443,100
Dedicated Credits Revenue	2,200	400	1,000	2,000	2,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	141,200	169,200	145,100	151,000	145,100
Closing Nonlapsing	(169,200)	(145,100)	(151,000)		
Total	\$2,078,800	\$2,233,400	\$2,318,400	\$2,620,400	\$2,590,200
% Change		7.4%	3.8%	13.0%	-1.2%
Programs					
Board Of Pardons and Parole	\$2,078,800	\$2,233,400	\$2,318,400	\$2,620,400	\$2,590,200
Total	\$2,078,800	\$2,233,400	\$2,318,400	\$2,620,400	\$2,590,200
Expenditures					
Personal Services	\$1,529,100	\$1,675,200	\$1,750,800	\$1,922,500	\$1,904,500
In-State Travel	10,500	12,300	11,400	12,000	12,000
Out of State Travel	5,600	10,600	8,700	9,800	9,800
Current Expense	444,500	475,700	491,900	543,900	531,700
DP Current Expense	82,800	59,600	55,600	66,700	66,700
DP Capital Outlay	6,300				
Other Charges/Pass Thru				65,500	65,500
Total	\$2,078,800	\$2,233,400	\$2,318,400	\$2,620,400	\$2,590,200
FTE	31.5	32.5	32.5	36.2	36.2