



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. | 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Brian M. Greene

Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Ken Ivory

Staff Present:

Ms. Linda Service, Session Secretary
Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to order/Approval of minutes

Senate Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Voting on approval of minutes will be later in the meeting..

2 . Board of Pardons and Parole Records Automation

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), introduced the presentation from the Board of Pardons.

Mr. Greg Johnson, Executive Director, Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPP), reported on their new electronic records system commenting on those parts of the project which have been completed, those in process, and those that are yet to be done.

[2-Board of Pardons - Automation - Presentation August 1, 2018](#)

Ms. Raechel Lizon, Research Consultant, BOPP, discussed sentencing guidelines which are standardized recommendations set by the Utah Sentencing Commission.

Ms. Bev Uipi, Deputy Director, BOPP, addressed offender notification. The Board discloses documents to the offender that will be used in its decisions.

Mr. Johnson responded to a question from Sen. Thatcher regarding the audit.

Rep. Cutler commented on the complexity of sentencing guidelines.

Mr. Johnson addressed a question from Rep. Acton related to software design and marketability and a question from Rep. Hutchings related to project funding.

MOTION:

Sen. Bramble moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018, January 26, 2018, January 30, 2018, February 1, 2018 (a.m.), February 1, 2018 (p.m.), February 5, 2018, February 7, 2018, February 9, 2018, and February 13, 2018 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Acton
Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. B. Cutler
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. B. Greene
Rep. E. Hutchings
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. L. Wilde

3 . Department of Workforce Services: Operation Rio Grande Status Report

Mr. Syphus offered a brief introduction to the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) and their report on the status of Operation Rio Grande, including progress and baseline.

Ms. Casey Cameron, Deputy Director, DWS, presented an overview of the three ongoing phases of Operation Rio Grande, along with outcomes and budget.

Rep. Hutchings asked Ms. Casey to comment on concerns related to process, management, and location of the operation. She was assisted by Colonel Brian Redd, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety (DPS).

[3a-Operation Rio Grande Flyer](#)

[3b-Operation Rio Grande Dashboard and Infographics](#)

Ms. Casey and Colonel Redd addressed issues of concern from Rep. Cutler - transient movements along the Wasatch front; and Rep. King - Phase 2 effectiveness.

Chair Thatcher asked if there would be enough material and information to have a joint appropriations meeting between Executive Offices and Criminal Justice and the Health and Human Services Committees to discuss specifically how a better job can be done with mental health services.

Ms. Casey and Mr. Nathan Harrison, Finance Director, DWS, responded to a questions from Sen. Iwamoto with respect to jail bed vacancies and contracting.

4 . Department of Public Safety: Documentation/Federal REAL ID Program

Mr. Syphus introduced the issue of the Federal REAL ID Program.

Mr. Chris Caras, Director, Driver License Division, DPS, discussed recent developments of state identification and the Federal REAL ID Act.

Mr. Caras and others from the Division responded to a concern from Rep. Hutchings relating to driver license card change. Ms. Nannette Rolfe further clarified.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to direct our staff to write a letter from this committee in support of the efforts of DPS in making sure that we either are compliant or that if we are being forced to change that we have time to make that change. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Cutler
Rep. B. Greene
Rep. E. Hutchings
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Ivory
Sen. P. Knudson

Chair Thatcher added that he would like it noted in the letter that we have unanimous support from this appropriations committee asking that we have time to come into compliance if the rules are going to change from our last certification.

5 . Department of Public Safety: Clearing of Traffic Incidents

Colonel Mike Rapich, Utah Highway Patrol (UHP), and Captain Steve Winward, Bureau Commander, UHP, offered a presentation on clearing of traffic incidents and addressed questions from Rep. Hutchings.

[5-DPS - Crash Clearance Handout](#)

Rep. Cutler expressed the importance of educating the public with regard to clearing traffic incidents.

The presentation continued.

Rep. King suggested that a legal requirement be provided to remove vehicles off the road in the case of an incident.

Colonel Winward provided information requested by Sen. Thatcher with respect to filling empty positions with the agency.

6 . Department of Corrections: Prison Operations Transition

Mr. Syphus introduced the Department of Corrections who will discuss the operational transition from the Draper facility to the new prison and any potential future costs.

Mr. Mike Haddon, Acting Director, Department of Corrections, introduced those providing presentations.

Captain John Reed, Relocation Transition Team, Department of Corrections, provided an update on the processes and operations of the state facility under development. He and Mr. Haddon responded to questions from Rep. Hutchings regarding financial issues. They also addressed a question from Rep. King regarding a proactive approach to dealing with inmate incidents.

The presentation continued.

Mr. Jerry Jensen, Relocation Transition Team, Department of Corrections, reported on schematic design, building construction start, men's max, substantial completion, transition period start, and occupancy.

Rep. King asked Mr. Jensen a question related to soil at the facility.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.



Yeas-8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Cutler
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. B. Greene
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. K. Ivory
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. R. Okerlund
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Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.