

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND JUDICIARY

REP. BRADLEY SLAGH CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

10:30 AM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections and Judiciary was called to order by Chair Slagh.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Slagh, Cavitt, and O'Neal. Absent: Reps. Markkanen and Beson. Excused: Reps. Markkanen and Beson.

Representative Cavitt moved to excuse absent members. There being no objections, absent members were excused.

Representative O'Neal moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 20, 2025. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison for the Department of Corrections, appeared before the subcommittee to provide an overview of offender success programs. He discussed the following: the department's goals of preparing offenders to be more successful, reducing criminal activity, and increasing their education and skill levels; the various components of offender success programming and how those components are incorporated into the various stages of the criminal justice process; the impact offender success programs have on offenders being sentenced to prison, the parole approval rate, and recidivism; community corrections and community residential services; core programming; education, including career and technical education and post-secondary programs; community partners; community-based programs; and criminal justice reinvestment supporting evidence-based approaches to corrections. The department contracts with agencies that provide services to returning citizens, including housing, social support services, job placement, health and behavioral health services, as well as specialized services (e.g., mental health, sex offender, substance abuse). The department is focused on changing offender behavior instead of just sanctioning it and prioritizes skill building. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Slagh adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Representative Bradley Slagh, Chair

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