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Legislative Highlights

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Policy Highlights

- [ESHB 1493](#), Creates a DOSA DUI program for individuals convicted of felony impaired driving offenses.
- [SHB 2048](#), Removes plead and proven provisions related to supervising specific domestic violence (DV) cases. Requires DOC to conduct an audit of its supervisory obligations for DV cases.
- [2SHB 2084](#), Establishes an OCO oversight committee of construction-related programs. DOC staff involved with these programs as well as reentry planning, CCOs, and CI must serve on committee.
- [E2SHB 2099](#), Requires state hospitals, special commitment center, secure community transition facilities, residential treatment facilities, and DOC to ensure individuals in their care and custody possess valid state identification issued by DOL prior to release or discharge.
- [SHB 2303](#), Modifies criteria by which ISRB may impose additional conditions of community custody and allows court to amend substantive conditions of community custody if there has been a substantial change in circumstances such that the condition is no longer necessary for community safety.
- [2SSB 5893](#), Requires DOC to extend gate money funding to those transferring to community custody, transferring to partial confinement, or conditionally released by ISRB.
- [SB 5938](#), Allows incarcerated individuals participating in the Residential Parenting Program to serve up to the final 18 months of their term of confinement in the Community Parenting Alternative program.
- [SSB 5953](#), Allows a federal financial aid first model to expand education services across corrections facilities.

Agency Budget Highlights

- **Restrictive Housing/Solitary Confinement:** \$2.5 million for additional staff to reduce solitary confinement for one additional facility for increased out of cell time. This is only a portion of funding for the Solitary Confinement Transformation Project (STCP).
- **Sentencing Alternatives:** \$4 million to offset increased services costs for residential treatment through the Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative (DOSA) program and increased costs for counseling and parenting services classes through the Family and Offender Sentencing Alternative (FOSA) program.
- **Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTAP):** \$3 million for additional staffing for the SOTAP, in response to an increase in the number of incarcerated individuals with sexual related offenses.

Agency Budget Highlights continued

- **Reentry Services:** \$2.4 million for healthcare discharge teams at four institutions to support individuals that are released into the community with health care assistance including applying for federal and state medical, food, cash, and disability benefits.
- **Opioid Use Disorder Treatment:** \$4.7 million, from the Opioid Abatement Settlement account, to expand the use of long-term injectable medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder in prisons for individuals receiving treatment prior to entering DOC's custody.
- **Larch Camp Closure:** \$(3.4) million reduction related to the closure of the Larch Corrections Center (LCC). The budget assumed savings of \$33.9 million and reinvestments totaling \$30.5 million. Reinvestments included:
 - ✓ LCC operational and warm closure costs.
 - ✓ Reopening of living units (WSP Unit G, CBCC Units G and H, and CRCC Unit F); and
 - ✓ A mobile dental vehicle and staff to provide services to OCC, CCCC, and MCCCW.
- **DRW Settlement agreement:** \$5.8 million to provide specialized gender-affirming services, including medical and mental health services, to transgender incarcerated individuals in a manner that is consistent with the October 2023 settlement agreement in Disability Rights Washington v. Washington Department of Corrections, United States district court for the western district of Washington.
- \$270,000 in funding to contract with a third-party expert to **examine jail rates** needed by local governments to recover the cost of housing individuals under the jurisdiction of DOC who have violated the conditions of their court community supervision order. The analysis must examine the availability of specialized jail beds for medical and behavioral health care that include services such as acute mental health care, detoxification, medications for opioid use disorder, and other substance use disorder treatment. The study must also include an analysis of costs to expand access to specialized jail beds statewide while maximizing Medicaid coverage under Washington's section 1115 Medicaid transformation waiver. The analysis must include a recommended methodology, to include detailed fiscal backup materials in Excel, to update daily jail bed rates going forward. A report is due to the governor and appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature by October 1, 2024. Additionally, \$1.98 million was received to **expand/maintain jail capacity with the expanded ability to pay for the day of release and an increased bed rate for specialty medical services** at the SCORE detention facility.