

JLBC MEETING

At its December 2019 meeting, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee considered the following issues:

Executive Session

Arizona Department of Administration – Risk Management Services – Consideration of Proposed Settlements – The Committee approved several settlements under Rule 14, which requires Committee approval of Risk Management settlements above \$250,000 pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-621(N).

Regular Agenda

JLBC Staff – Consider Approval of Index for School Facilities Board Construction Costs – The Committee approved a 5.29% adjustment in the cost-per-square foot factors used in SFB funding formulas, based on the overall change in construction costs since the last adjustment in December 2018.

Arizona Department of Corrections – Review of FY 2020 Second Quarter Correctional Officer Staffing Report – ADC submitted the department's second quarterly staffing report and additional information required in the September 2019 JLBC provisions. The Committee received the report, along with the additional information, without comment. By June 2020, ADC has a goal of adding 812 net additional correctional officer positions above June 2019. At the September meeting, ADC had lost (92) correctional officers. The loss has since been reduced to (40) compared to June 2019.

Arizona Department of Corrections – Review of FY 2020 Proposed Bed Capacity Changes – The Committee gave a favorable review of ADC's revised changes to its September 2019 report. Since that time, the female general population has exceeded current capacity. To address this, ADC's revised plan would reopen the Papago Unit at Douglas Prison to add 250 permanent beds and 90 temporary beds for female inmates.

Attorney General – Review of Consumer Restitution and Remediation Revolving Fund –

Consumer Remediation Subaccount Expenditure Plan – JLBC gave a favorable review of the AG's expenditure plan to spend \$125,000 from 2 settlements to support expenses associated with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Study Committee (MMIWG). The favorable review included the following provision: \$30,000 is intended to be immediately available, with the MMIWG Study Committee to provide a report to JLBC, and up to the remaining \$95,000 will be considered for further JLBC guidance at future JLBC meetings.

Arizona Department of Administration/ Arizona Department of Education – Review of APOR/CHAR Replacement Project (Automation Projects Fund) – The Committee gave a favorable review of ADOA's and ADE's \$3.0 million FY 2020 expenditure plan from the Automation Projects Fund to replace the state aid calculation component of ADE's 20-year old information technology system. This phase would replace CHAR, which calculates charter school payments. ADE estimates an additional \$6.0 million is needed to replace APOR (for school districts) and its related budget component in future years. The favorable review included additional provisions.

Consent Agenda

Department of Economic Security – Review of Plan for the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge – The Committee gave a favorable review of DES' plan, which would close the 5 existing housing units for 16 individuals at their Coolidge Development Disabilities program due to federal requirements. All the clients would transfer to another part of the Coolidge Campus.