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Governor

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Senator Lavon Heidemann
And Members of the Appropriations Committee
State Capitol
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RE: Report to the Legislature – Actions and Plans to Implement LB1, LB2, and LB3 –
2009 Special Session

Dear Senator Heidemann:

On behalf of the Board of Parole, the following agency report is being submitted:

Fiscal Management Approach and Direction

Approximately one year ago, Governor Heidemann advised agency heads to be prepared for budget reductions. This was immediately communicated to other Board Members and Staff. Prior to the Special Session, our approach included the following:

Travel, subscriptions, and general operating practices and expenditures were reviewed to ensure the Board of Parole is operating in the most fiscally prudent manner possible.

Actions Implemented Prior to the Special Session

The Board of Parole, in its budget request document for FY2009-2011, identified a one-half (1/2) time staff assistant position that could be eliminated. This reduction was accepted by the Governor and Legislature and became effective July 1, 2009.

Board of Parole FY2009-10 and FY2010-11 Budget Plan

In response to the 2009 Special Session adjustments, the Board of Parole is reducing its base General Fund budget by \$8,180 in FY2010, and by \$16,180 in FY2011. Additionally, \$49,578 in reappropriation has been lapsed. There were no fund transfers made from or to the Board of Parole.

These reductions are being handled as follows:

1. No positions are being eliminated.

2. The Board continues to be fiscally responsible in use of state resources for travel purposes. Out-of-state travel for conferences and training is being reduced by \$1,250 in FY10 and by \$2,750 in FY11. Purchase of office and other supplies has been curtailed by \$500 in FY10 and by \$2,000 in FY11. The remaining \$6,430 of the \$8,180 FY10 reduction will be handled by use of part of the carryover reappropriation remaining funds. Additional reductions in FY11 will consist of reduction in dues, subscriptions, and advertising (\$3,500), and a reduction in budgeted benefits of \$7,930.
3. While the reappropriation amount lapsed is \$49,578.00, the Parole Board had already determined that the fiscally responsible action would be to only utilize a portion of the overall carryover. Therefore, the lapse of funds has no impact on the Board of Parole's operations.

Impact of Board of Parole Adjustments

The Board of Parole will continue to carefully review and stringently manage its operational budget, and will remain within the reduced FY10 and FY11 appropriation and reduced reappropriation without adversely affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Board.

Fees Used to Support Agency Operations

No fees are used to support the Board of Parole operations.

Sincerely,

Esther L. Casmer, Chair
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