



Idaho Department of Correction

Briefing Sheet

Slow the Flow

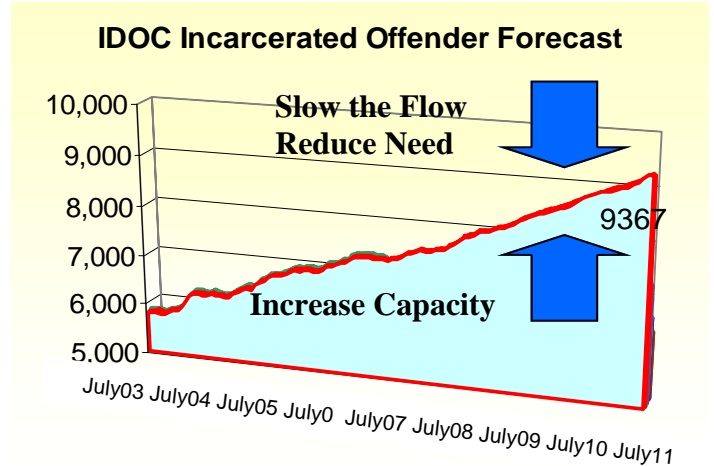
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The Department of Correction is trying to reduce the need for new beds while also increasing capacity.

This dual approach requires the department continue the more traditional challenge of adding beds and prisons, while also working to build partnerships to fix holes in the system, so fewer people end up in prison.

Key partners are sheriff's and counties statewide.



Out of state or in-state?

When it comes to beds for Idaho inmates in –state beds and keeping Idaho inmates in Idaho county jail beds makes sense. County jail beds are routinely used to meet IDOC bed needs.



Ada County Jail

Why do you consider this a 'slow the flow' effort when you're adding beds?

We would be creating expertise statewide in programs designed to address offender needs. If the jails have trained staff to assist state inmates, they have the potential to impact misdemeanor offenders with the built-in expertise the program unit would provide.

How do jails fit into future capacity?

We want to develop 'programming centers' in county jails. These beds would be focused in five or six facilities in different regions of the state. Sheriffs say there may be the potential to provide 600 of these treatment beds.

How would you determine program beds versus county jail beds?

The department and Idaho Sheriffs Association have developed a draft contract that provides specifics on these specialized beds. To provide the extra service would be required to establish these centers.

How much would it cost?

Initially we're proposing a \$5 increase per inmate to add programming to the services provided.

What do we pay counties to house state inmates now?

The county jail bed rate is \$40 per day and has remained the same since July 2000. Food costs, utility costs and all salaries have all risen since then. If the \$40 rate had been adjusted for inflation the Idaho Sheriffs Association estimates it the rate would be \$48.15 today.