



Californians United for a Responsible Budget

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Overview of Proposed 2016-17 Corrections Budget

Californians United for a Responsible Budget is a statewide coalition of organizations working to reduce the number of people imprisoned in California and the number of prison and jail beds in the state.

Governor Brown's proposed budget brings spending on corrections to \$13.3 billion, up more than \$600 million from last year. The plan includes: \$10.5 billion for the CDCR, an increase of \$500 million from last year; \$360 million for the BSCC, up \$230 million; \$1.3 billion for local corrections, up \$130 million; and \$590 million to support local law enforcement, up \$10 million.

Although Prop 47 and other reforms have reduced the prison population by 8,700, the budget projects that the population will grow by 1,153, or 0.9%, to 128,834 people.

The Budget estimates a net savings of \$29.3 million from Proposition 47, \$19 million of which will be distributed by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and diversion programs. The Legislative Analyst's Office originally estimated the state savings to be "in the low hundreds of millions of dollars" annually.

Good: Reduced prison populations due to compliance with lawsuits or recently passed legislation.

- \$6 million to comply with *Sassman v. Brown* and expand the alternative custody program to people in men's prisons
- \$3.7 million to implement Youth Parole Hearings due to SB 261
- Reduction of \$28 million to account for reduced solitary confinement in Pelican Bay State Prison to comply with *Ashker v Brown*
- Prison population reduced by 8,700 due to Prop.47 and court-ordered reforms

Bad: Increased capacity for incarceration and policing

- \$250 million in general funds for jail construction
- \$6 million to repair Norco, rather than close it down
- \$385 million to continue imprisoning people in out-of-state contract prisons, in-state contract prisons, and the leased prison in California City
- Opening 3,642 new prison beds at existing prisons at RJ Donovan in San Diego and Mule Creek in Ione
- Future assistance to LA County with replacement of Men's Central Jail or alternatives
- \$10 million to law enforcement for costs related to AB 953 (collecting racial profiling data)
- \$26 million for city law enforcement grants
- \$7.9 million for "intensive" searches of visitors to people in prison
- \$5.8 million for additional investigative staff related to reduced solitary confinement at Pelican Bay
- \$5.4 million to evaluate 12 prisons for renovation or replacement

Additional analysis: Increased funding for in-custody rehabilitation programs and reentry programs run by or in partnership with CDCR

- \$400 million for prison-based "reentry hubs"
- \$15.2 million to expand in-custody substance use treatment programs
- \$6.9 million to expand in-custody programs for people serving long or indeterminate sentences
- \$32.1 million for reentry facilities in partnership with CDCR, with additional \$25 million for local siting
- \$3.1 million for transitional housing run in partnership with CDCR

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