

MEMORANDUM



JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Members of the JBC
FROM Steve Allen, JBC Staff (303-866-4961, Steve.Allen@state.co.us)
DATE April 27, 2017
SUBJECT Financing tampons for DOC inmates

During second reading for the Long Bill, the House approved amendment #5 (J.098), which reduced appropriations to the Department of Corrections' Executive Director's Office by \$40,000 General Fund and appropriated the savings to the Department's Institutions Division so that tampons could be provided to female inmates, who currently receive sanitary napkins.

After discussion with the Department, JBC Staff recommends that the tampon appropriation be funded by reducing the Department's appropriation for Youthful Offender System (YOS) parole by \$40,000 General Fund. The YOS parole population has declined even as the DOC's overall prison population has increased and a \$40,000 reduction will not harm YOS programs.

More precisely, staff recommends that the \$1,062,396 General Fund appropriation for YOS Contract Services in subdivision (5)(B)(2) of the DOC portion of the FY 2017-18 Long Bill be reduced by \$40,000.