

DOC Legislative Update-March 6th

Capitol Updates-Week 5. . .

- Next week is the deadline for all bills to pass the house of origin
- Director Patton did a budget presentation to the Senate Appropriations committee concerning our needs for FY 16. You can view his comments concerning that presentation here: [http://ok.gov/doc/documents/Budget Cuts 03 06 2015.pdf](http://ok.gov/doc/documents/Budget%20Cuts%2003%2006%202015.pdf)

Upcoming Deadlines

March 12-Deadline for third reading and final passage of bills in their house of origin

Update on DOC request bills. . .

SB412-creates a single list of violent crimes in statute.

Authors=Senator Brinkley, Representative Biggs

- *SB412 was heard on the Senate floor as passed 40-0*

SB116-relates to receiving judgment and sentencing documents from counties

Authors=Senator Barrington, Rep. Peterson

- *We are working with leadership on the language in this bill and negotiating with our partners on the best direction for this bill.*

SB54-allows employees with the Inspector General and Probation and Parole to keep their firearms when they retire.

Authors=Senator David, Representative Roberts

- *SB54 was heard in Senate Public Safety Committee and the Senate Appropriations committee and passed unanimously. The next step is for this bill to be heard on the Senate floor which we expect this next week.*

Legislation being monitored by DOC

DOC is actively monitoring all legislation being presented at the Capitol that could affect our agency. Below are a few of the bills we are watching. By listing these bills we are not stating our support or lack of support for any piece of legislation.

HB1879-requires death sentences to be carried out by nitrogen hypoxia if lethal injection is held unconstitutional.

Authors: Representative Mike Christian and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Passed the House floor on March 3rd with a vote of 85-10*

HB1567-allows state insurance plans to apply deductibles and copayments or coinsurance provisions that are based on contracts with providers for specific services based on levels of outcome, cost or type of provider

Authors: Representative Glenn Mulready and Senator Greg Treat

- *Passed the House on March 3rd with a vote of 94-0*

HB1337-requires public bodies to report the number persons with disabilities that they employ

Author: Representative James Lockhart

- *Passed the House committee*

HB1046-allows reduction of fees for certain offenses under certain circumstances

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Passed the House floor, has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary committee*

HB1047-makes aggravated child pornography an 85% crime

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Kim David

- *Passed the House floor, has been assigned to the Senate Public Safety committee*

HB1687-changes how we administer high school equivalency tests

Authors: Representative Lee Denney and Senator Jim Halligan

- *Passed the House floor, has been assigned to the Senate Education committee*

HB1518-gives judges the ability to go outside minimum sentences and send an offender to alternative programs

Author: Representative Pam Peterson

- *Passed the House committee*

SB38-allows for offenders with no reasonable risk to be considered for medical parole

Authors: Senator Wayne Shaw and Representative Pam Peterson

- *Passed Senate floor, next step is the House committee*

SB578-allows terminally ill offenders to be paroled to private nursing homes

Author: Wayne Shaw

- *Passed Senate committees, next step is for it to be heard on the Senate floor*

SB55-makes reaching for a police officer's firearm a felony

Author: Senator Kim David and Representative Lisa Billy

- *Passed the Senate floor, the next step is the House committee*

SB97-prohibits a correctional facility from being within city limits without approval from the city

Author: Senator Jack Fry

- *Passed the Senate committee*

SB525-Allows DOC employees, with a license to carry a firearm, to have their firearms in their vehicles if they notify the facility and show that they have an approved lock box

Author: Senator Ralph Shortey

- *Passed the Senate committee*

SB764-Community sentencing planning council

Author: Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Passed Senate committee*

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