

Agency: Labor & Workforce Dev**Project Title:**

Development of Pre-corrections Officer Orientation and Preparation Training Program

House District: 35**Funding Amount: \$ 50,000****Brief Summary:**

Capital funds would be used to develop a "pre-corrections officer" training program in order to increase the percentage of recruits applying to Spring Creek Prison and decrease the time that it would normally take to qualify recruits.

Funding Plan:**Type of Need: Ongoing Need****Prior Funding to Date:**

None

Other Funding Requests:

None

Project Description:

It is very difficult to recruit and maintain corrections officers at Spring Creek Prison in Seward. A pre-corrections officer orientation and preparation program at the Alaska Vocational and Technical Center in Seward would greatly increase the number of qualified applicants the Department of Labor has to choose from and their preparedness for the job. The 3-4 week program would be targeted at rural Alaskans. It could include training on corrections history/philosophy/theory, understanding custody and security, communications skills, understanding the classification system, chain of command, ethics/honesty, first aid and CPR, suicide prevention, search techniques, application of restraints, prisoner behavior and gangs in Alaska.

Under SB 65, passed in 2004, a training program of this type is necessary for the expansion of the prison. With an increase in qualified personnel, Spring Creek Correctional Facility will be able to grow and better serve the State.

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