

**Senate Public Safety Budget Division,
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, February 22, 2006
Chairs: Sen. Jane Ranum
Sen. Leo Foley
Time: 12:00 pm, Rm. 112 Capitol**

Agenda

Office of the Legislative Auditor: Report on Substance Abuse Treatment

- James Nobles, Legislative Auditor
 - Joel Alter, Project Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor
 - Dennis Benson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Corrections
 - Nannette Larson, Director of Corrections Health Services, Department of Corrections
 - Deborah Moses, Director of State Program Administration, Department of Human Services
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Members present: Ranum, Berglin, Betzold, Foley, Ortman, Ruud, Skoglund

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

James Noble, the Legislative Auditor, gave an overview of the major themes outlined in the report of the Office of the Legislative Auditor on Substance Abuse Treatment.

Joel Alter, a Project Manager from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, testified on the inconsistencies in the quality of services available for substance abuse treatment, current funding of the treatment programs and the recommendations outlined in the report.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Dennis Benson, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, testified on the department's capacity to provide substance abuse treatment to offenders.

Witness responded to questions.

Nannette Larson, the Director of Corrections Health Services at the Department of Corrections, responded to questions on the findings and the recommendations of the Legislative Auditor's Report.

Deborah Moses, the Director of State Program Administration at the Department of Human Services, testified on the department's comments on the treatment program oversight and the chemical use assessments.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Sen. Ranum adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:


Jane Ranum
State Senator


Regina Garza
Legislative Assistant

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