

Senate Public Safety Budget Division
Wednesday, March 22, 2006
Chair: Sen. Jane Ranum
Time: 12:00 pm
Rm. 112 Capitol

Agenda

Discussion of the Governor's 2006 supplemental budget

Board of Public Defense

- Kevin Kajer, Chief Administrator

Peace Officers Board (POST)

- Neil Melton, Executive Director, POST Board
- Jim King, Executive Budget Senior Officer, Department of Finance

Department of Public Safety

- Mary Ellison, Deputy Commissioner
- Linda Finney, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- Bob Johnson, Director, Criminal Justice Information Systems
- Michael Campion, Commissioner

Department of Corrections

- Dennis Benson, Deputy Commissioner
- Lisa Cornelius, Assistant Commissioner
- Dan Storkamp, Director, Information and Technology

Grant for the Mentoring of Children of Inmates

- Gloria Lewis, President and CEO, Twin Cities Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Phil Griffin, Lobbyist, Twin Cities Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Members present: Ranum, Berglin, Betzold, Foley, Limmer, McGinn, Nueville, Ortman, Skoglund

Members absent: Cohen

Senator Ranum, the Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

A quorum was present at 12:33 p.m.

Kevin Kajer, the Chief Administrator of the Board of Public Defense, testified on the budget recommendations for the Board.

Witness responded to questions.

Neil Melton, the Executive Director of the Peace Officers Board (POST), testified on the budget recommendations for the Board.

Chris Turner, Senate Fiscal Analyst, testified on the discrepancy in the budget calculations based on the Governor's recommendations in 2005 and 2006.

Jim King, the Executive Budget Senior Officer, Department of Finance, responded to questions on the discrepancies in the projections.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Mary Ellison, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, testified on the budget recommendations for the Deficiency State Disaster Match and the Internet Child Pornography Team.

Witness responded to questions.

Linda Finney, the Superintendent of Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), responded to questions on the recruitment and number of BCA agents.

Mary Ellison, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, testified on the budget recommendations for the creation of the Minnesota Illegal Immigration Enforcement Team (MIET).

Witness responded to questions.

Bob Johnson, the Director of the Criminal Justice Information Systems at the Department of Public Safety, responded to questions on the data collection practices of law enforcement proposed in SF 3117.

Michael Campion, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, responded to questions on the purpose of the data collection in the Governor's initiative.

Senator Skoglund assumed the chair.

Mary Ellison, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, testified on the budget recommendations for the posting of non-compliant sex offenders.

Witness responded to questions.

Dennis Benson, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, testified on the budget recommendations for the department.

Lisa Cornelius, the Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, testified on the salary costs and prison bed savings, and funding the Community Corrections Act to include Scott County.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Dan Storkamp, the Director of Information and Technology of the Department of Corrections, responded to questions on the prison bed savings.

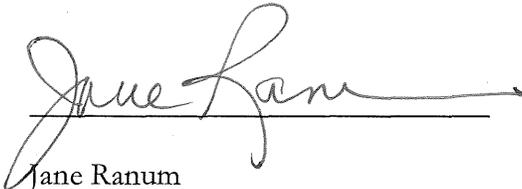
Gloria Lewis, President and CEO of the Twin Cities Big Brothers and Big Sisters, testified in support of the budget recommendations for grants for the programs to mentor children of inmates statewide.

Witness responded to questions.

Phil Griffin, the lobbyist of the Twin Cities Big Brothers and Big Sisters, responded to questions on the program use of the grant.

Senator Skoglund adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane Ranum", written over a horizontal line.

Jane Ranum
State Senator

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Regina Garza", written over a horizontal line.

Regina Garza
Legislative Assistant

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