

Interstate Compact Unit Cost Sharing

- The Interstate Compact Unit (ICU) oversees transfers of supervision under the Interstate Compact.
- During the changes to the Community Supervision statute in 2023, the costs for the unit were not included in the new funding formula and structure.
- Currently, the ICU is solely funded by pro-rating the cost across only DOC counties, even though the ICU serves all 87 Minnesota counties.
- This proposal amends the statute to allow the cost of the ICU to be shared across every county – pro-rated based on their share of the most recent probation population survey.

Mental Health Unit Pilot Extension

- Extends the pilot program through August 2027, allowing for the transfer of individuals incarcerated in county jails to the Mental Health Unit (MHU) at MCF-Oak Park Heights for treatment of serious and persistent mental illness.
- Smaller jails often lack the resources to properly care for individuals with serious mental health conditions.
- The MHU provides specialized care from expert professionals, available 24/7.
- The transfer process would also change from requiring voluntary consent to a referral from a licensed mental health professional, broadening eligibility for transfer.

Tribal Supervision Funding Language Updates

- The legislature allocates \$250,000 to each Tribal Nation for community supervision or reentry services. However, the statute does not specify how the funds should be paid out.
- This means that each Tribal Nation must enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the DOC, which is a costly and time-consuming legal process.
- The DOC proposes distributing these funds in the same manner that we do county supervision funding, streamlining the process and removing the requirement for a JPA.
- The language also clarifies what the funds can be used for and requires an abbreviated comprehensive plan be submitted to the DOC for how these funds will be used.

Chapter 2940 Repeal / HRU Codification

- Rule 2940, which governs the DOC Hearings and Release Unit (HRU), is obsolete, already in statute, or duplicative.
- The rulemaking process is time-consuming and resource intensive.
- The proposal seeks to repeal the rule and codify the few remaining provisions into statute.

Fictitious Emergency Definition Expansion

- The DOC proposes expanding the definition used for “correctional employee” included in fictitious emergency felony law passed last session.
- The current definition only covers those physically working in a correctional facility, and not supervision agents and office staff who are exposed to similar risks of retribution.

In the Governor's Revised Budget Recommendations: Community Supervision Distribution Statutory Modifications

- The DOC currently supervises all felony offenders in non-CCA counties and keeps the funding for those services.
- In counties that are part of the DOC system, the DOC also supervises misdemeanants, gross misdemeanants, and juveniles. However, the DOC has to send the supervision funding to these counties, then bill them back for the services, which is inefficient and time-consuming.
- The proposed changes would streamline this by allowing the DOC to keep the funding for all the services it provides.