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RE: Submission of Regional and County Jails Evaluation 2026 Report

Dear Legislators:

Pursuant to 2023 Minn. Laws Chap. 52 Art. 11 Sec. 33 Subd. 3, the Department of Corrections is required to evaluate the need for any capital improvement project that requests an appropriation of state capital budget funds during an odd-numbered year to construct a jail facility or to expand the number of incarcerated offenders at an existing jail facility. The statute further requires that any such evaluations be submitted by January 15 of each even-numbered year.

During the 2025 legislative session, there were no requests for state capital budget appropriations for the construction of jail facilities or for capital improvements to expand capacity at existing jail facilities. As a result, there were no projects subject to evaluation under subdivision 3, and no evaluations were conducted or are being submitted for this reporting period. This letter is submitted to fulfill the Department of Corrections' reporting obligation under 2023 Minn. Laws Chap. 52 Art. 11 Sec. 33 Subd. 3.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Kelly Haff, Legislative Director, 651-392-7602.

Sincerely,



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cc: Legislative Reference Library