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TO: Legislative Finance Committee

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RE: Crossroads Correctional Project

During the September 2015 meeting of the LFC, a project scoping document was presented regarding options for examining the potential purchase of the Crossroad Correctional Center (prison). Since that time, LFD staff has re-examined the work plan given additional information. There are two items that suggest hold off on LFC work until the others are completed. They are:

- 1. The Legislative Audit Division is working on performance audit project regarding contract compliance of the prison.
- 2. The Law and Justice Interim Committee, Office of Public Defender Oversight Committee and the Sentencing Commission could make policy recommendations that individually or as a whole could impact the need for state procurement of the building.

Staff will continue to monitor this issue and provide updates to the LFC as necessary.