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Department of Corrections

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REPORT SUMMARY

The Department of Corrections (department) manages approximately 13,000 male and female offenders through secure-care facilities, pre-release centers, probation and parole, revocation centers, and treatment programs. Ninety percent of the department's funding to manage offenders is from the General Fund. This equates to approximately \$167 million in expenditures; which is 10 percent of the total state General Fund expenditures. The remaining department funding is primarily through fees charged for products produced and sold by prison programs.

Context

The department promotes public safety and trust by holding adult and juvenile offenders, referred by the courts, accountable for their actions against victims through custody, supervision, treatment, work, restitution, and skill development. Skill development includes various programs at the prisons such as carpentry, a print and sign shop, dog training program, ranching, dairy operations, lumber processing, fire fighting, motor vehicle maintenance, and cooking. The department supervises offenders through five prisons, three youth facilities, seven treatment programs, three assessment and sanction centers, and six prerelease centers.

Five of the eight recommendations are a result of noncompliance with state law. Two recommendations are related to internal controls. The noncompliance with state law recommendations include payments from the treasury which were not in accordance with a section of the constitution, an internal service fund rate that was not approved, and not adopting rules. One of the internal control recommendations discusses a relationship that allowed a husband and wife to approve each other's time.

Results

The audit resulted in eight recommendations to the department; of which four relate to operations under Montana Correctional Enterprises at the prison in Deer Lodge.

Recommendation Concurrence	
Concur	7
Partially Concur	0
Do Not Concur	1
Source: Agency audit response included in final report.	

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