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TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee
FROM: Milly Allen
DATE: August 17
RE: Criminal Justice Oversight Council Updates

At its June 28, 2022 meeting, the Criminal Justice Oversight Council (CJOC) received a public safety update from the Department of Corrections and heard a presentation from the National Conference of State Legislatures on habitual offender statutes in the United States. A panel of representatives from system and community victim services organizations discussed victim services in the state.

The council also made small edits and approved its annual report and study summary for HJ 34, the study of pretrial diversion and presentence agreements. It discussed and made edits to five pieces of draft legislation:

- [CJOC 1](#): Revises sentencing laws for theft and thematically-related crimes.
- [CJOC 2](#): Addresses matters regarding recovery residences, also known as sober living homes.
- [CJOC 3](#): Creates a separate definition for persistent felony offender under supervision.
- [CJOC 4](#): Revises sentencing laws for disorderly conduct.
- [CJOC 5](#): Makes theft of a motor vehicle assessed at any value a felony.