General Appropriations Bill and Cost Center Reporting

Joint Committee on Appropriations July 23, 2025



Improving Transparency and Accountability

- Enhance decision-making and ensure that financial operations are conducted with integrity.
- Leverage new system features within Project BISON to allow greater visibility and reporting mechanisms into detailed budget information.
- Joint effort between agencies, BFM, and legislative fiscal staff.

Goals of Redesign



Ensure accountability and transparency is within the appropriate vehicle – General Appropriations Act or Supplemental Reports.



Automate where possible – increasing frequency and accuracy of information without added staff time.



Design so that the legislature, citizens, and other stakeholders know how much funding is budgeted, where the funding is budgeted, and how much of the funding has been spent.

Guidelines for Budget Units

Align the budget units with statutory provisions Reflect operational accountability Budget units should be meaningful, not excessive Reduce budget units that have duplicative budgetary control Leverage new system capabilities to better track data Guidelines have resulted in identifying 219 budget units, an increase of 13%

Preliminary Budget Unit Overview

- Several large budgets have a significant increase in budget units.
 - ✓ Social Services: 9 to 20
 - ✓ Transportation: 2 to 5
 - ✓ Corrections: 8 to 13
- Removed duplicative budget units that already had legislative controls in place.
- Realigned budget units to better reflect the activities within the budget units.

Department	Legacy	BISON
Agriculture and Natural Resources	19	20
Attorney General	5	5
Board of Regents	16	19
Bureau of Finance and Management	7	7
Bureau of Human Resources & Administration	10	7
Bureau of Information and Technology	6	6
Corrections	8	13
Education	11	12
Game, Fish, and Parks	6	6
Governor's Office	12	12
Health	20	20
Human Services	7	6
Labor and Regulation	16	16
Legislature	3	2
Military	3	4
Public Safety	6	8
Public Utilities Commission	1	4
Retirement System	1	1
Revenue	8	8
School and Public Lands	1	1
Secretary of State	1	1
Social Services	9	20
State Auditor	1	1
State Treasurer	5	5
Tourism	2	2
Transportation	2	5
Tribal Relations	1	1
Unified Judicial System	4	4
Veterans' Affairs	3	3
Grand Total	194	219

Department of Social Services Example

- Budget units increase from 9 to 20
- Greater breakout of large, unique services
- Follows organizational and operational accountability

Current State

Behavioral Health

Board of Addiction & Prevent Prof - Info

Board of Counselor Examiners - Info

Board of Psychology Examiners - Info

Board of Social Work Examiners - Info

Children's Services

DSS Administration

Economic Assistance

Medical Services

Preliminary BISON Future

Board of Addiction & Prevent Prof - Info

Board of Counselor Examiners - Info

Board of Psychology Examiners - Info

Board of Social Work Examiners - Info

CBH Administration and Support Services

CHB Treatment Services

Child Support Enforcement

Community Behavioral Health Prevention Services

CPS Administration and Field Office

CPS Placement and Support Services

DSS Finance and Administration

DSS Licensure and Accreditation

Economic Assistance and Eligibility Determination

Economic Assistance Energy and Community Assistance

Economic Assistance SNAP

Economic Assistance TANF Grant and Contracts

Human Services Center

Medical Services

Medical Services Administration and Technology

Operations and Technology

Department of Corrections Example

- Budget units increase from 8 to 13
- Provides more detail and accountability
- Follows organizational and operational accountability

Current State

DOC Administration

Inmate Services

Juvenile Community Corrections

Mike Durfee State Prison

Parole Services

Pheasantland Industries

State Penitentiary

Women's Prison

Preliminary BISON Future

Clinical Services

DOC Administration

Jameson Prison

Juvenile Community Corrections

Mike Durfee State Prison

Parole Services

Pheasantland Industries

Rapid City Correctional Facility

Rapid City Minimum Center

Sioux Falls Minimum Center

State Penitentiary

Women's Prison

Yankton Minimum Center

Cost Centers



Provides greater details within the budget unit



Cost centers should be germane to the budget unit and support the purpose of the budget unit



Would be used as a supplement to the general bill, with details reported to the legislature, citizens, and other stakeholders

Department of Corrections Reporting Example

Mike Durfee State Prison

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		2023 Actuals	ı	Y2024 Actuals	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Recommendation			FY2026 vs. FY2025		
Fund Source:											
General Funds		17,557,090		21,395,264	21,310,235		21,394,329		84,094		
Federal Funds		54,499		81,006	92,619		92,619		-		
Other Funds		-		-	-		-		-		
Total	\$	17,611,589	\$	21,476,270	\$ 21,402,854	\$	21,486,948	\$	84,094		
Expenditure Detail:											
Personal Services		11,819,449		13,312,162	14,237,612		14,237,612		-		
Operating Expenses		5,792,139		8,164,108	7,165,242		7,249,336		84,094		
Total	\$	17,611,589	\$	21,476,270	\$ 21,402,854	\$	21,486,948	\$	84,094		
Full-Time Equivalent		124.89		137.68	160.00		160.00		-		

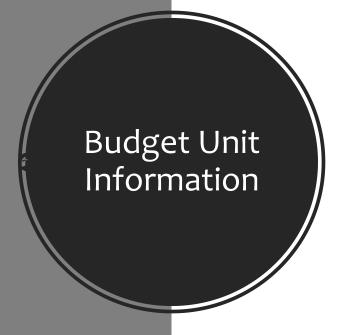
Recommended Budget Adjustments:

- •Increase of \$132,583 in general funds for changes in utilities based on EnergyCap projections.
- •Decrease of \$4,355 in general funds for food services based upon offender population.
- •Decrease of \$44,134 in general funds to reduce employee travel and decreased inmate transportation costs.

Cost Centers	Description
Administration	Responsible for overseeing the daily operations and management of the facility, ensuring staff adhere to policies and procedures, and maintaining compliance with DOC policy, state law, and federal regulations.
Offender Services	Provides educational, vocational, and therapeutic programs to help offenders develop skills and prepare for reintegration into society, as well as providing food and clothing services for
Security Operations	Maintains order and safety to ensure the secure confinement of offenders and protection of staff and visitors. Controlled movement, housing assignments, and access control of the secure entry points are included.
Physical Plant	Manages the upkeep and maintenance of the correctional facility including infrastructure, equipment, and supplies ensuring the facility meets safety and health standards.

Funding by Cost Center:	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	EV202E Buildent	FY2026	FY2026 vs.
	FT2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Budget	Recommendation	FY2025
Administration	1,254,268	2,372,886	1,595,191	1,592,557	(2,634)
Offender Services	3,320,865	4,388,173	4,570,829	4,566,474	(4,355)
Security Operations	10,315,729	11,919,793	12,409,907	12,395,407	(14,500)
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Ongoing Efforts

Working through Project BISON implementation, testing the new design and desired outcomes.

Continue to coordinate with legislative fiscal staff.

Significant testing will occur
September through January.

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