# Results of the February 19, 2010 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference

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Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will typically meet three times a year to "develop official information relating to the criminal justice system, including forecasts of prison admissions and population...for the state planning and budgeting system."

Projections are usually based on current law/current administration.

Principals include staff from the House and Senate, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting, and the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

In addition, the Criminal Justice Impact Conference meets to determine the prison bed impact of proposed legislation.

Proposed legislation which creates new felony offenses or increases the penalty for existing offenses may impact the number of prison beds that are needed.

Alternatively, proposed legislation which creates diversion programs or reduces the penalty for existing offenses may impact the number of prison beds that are needed (fewer beds).

CJEC met on September 29th and on February 19th.

September CJEC had projected that FY 09-10 admissions would decline by 1.5% from FY 08-09.

In first seven months of the fiscal year, admissions were 6.8% lower than in the same period in the last fiscal year.

January 2010 end-of-month population was 785 LOWER than projected in September.

Clearly, the September projections of admissions and population were too high.

# February's CJEC projected prison admissions compared to September 2009 CJEC:

- 2,043 for FY 09-10
- 1,929 for FY 10-11
- 1,890 for FY 11-12

FY 09-10 admissions now projected to be 37,402

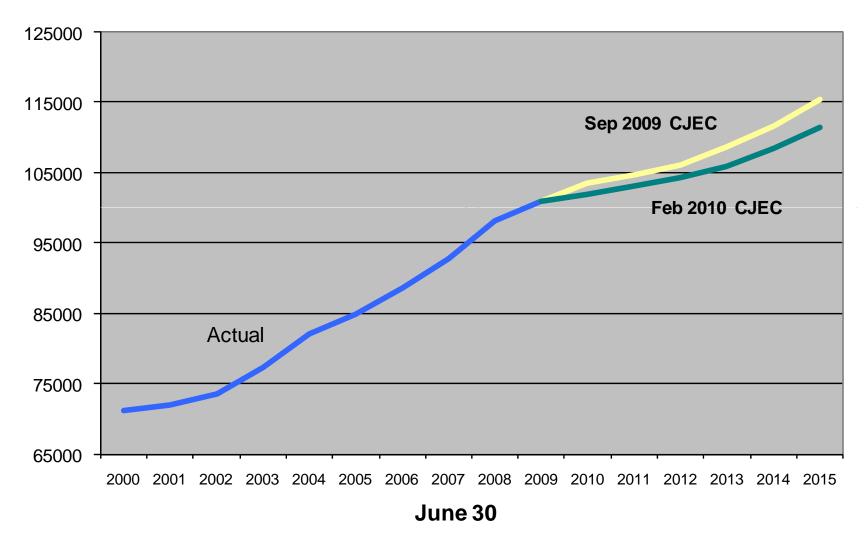
### February's CJEC projected prison population compared to September's CJEC:

June 30<sup>th</sup> prison population:

- 1,496 for FY 09-10
- 1,575 for FY 10-11
- 1,804 for FY 11-12

June 30, 2010 prison population projection **101,914** 





#### Why were projections lowered?

Review of criminal justice indicators suggest that trends first observed in 2008 are continuing.

These trends will result in smaller numbers of new commitments coming to prison than previously anticipated.

#### **Indicators**

Crime Trends

Judicial System Trends

Technical Violators

Year-and-a Day Sentences

#### **Indicator 1—Crime Trends**

#### Six-Month Uniform Crime Report – January through June

#### **TOTAL INDEX CRIMES**

	Change from
	prior year
439,331	1.2%
442,604	0.7%
436,882	-1.3%
426,702	-2.3%
412,743	-3.3%
41/1,608	-0.3%
427,646	3.9%
434,563	1.6%
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#### **Crime Trends by Type of Crime**

Six Month Uniform Crime Report: January - June

#### **VIOLENT CRIME**

#### **NON-VIOLENT CRIME**

	Chang	e from prior year	Change	e from prior year
2001	63,776	2.5%	375,555	
2002	62,770	-1.6%	379,834	1.1%
2003	61,699	-1.7%	375,183	-1.2%
2004	61,345	-0.6%	365,357	-2.6%
2005	61,737	0.6%	351,006	-3.9%
2006	63,712	3.2%	347,896	-0.9%
2007	65,011	2.0%	362,635	4.2%
2008	63,421	-2.4%	371,142	2.3%
2009	57,253	-9.7%	342,814	-7.6%

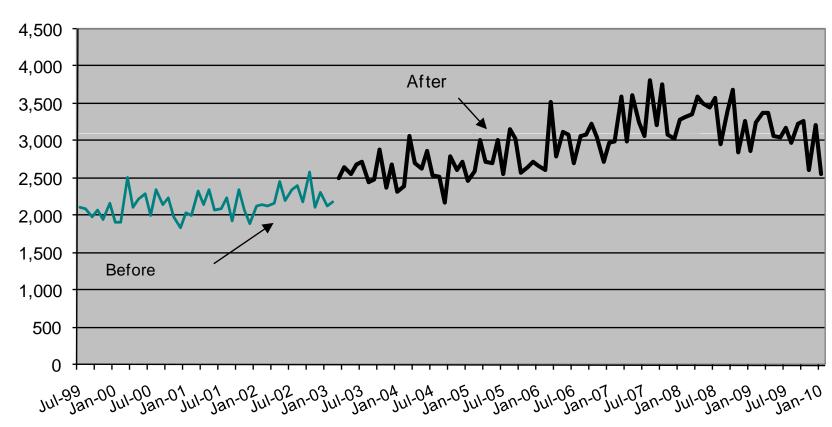
# Indicator 2 Judicial System Trends

### RECENT TRENDS IN FELONY FILINGS AND GUILTY DISPOSITIONS

[	Felony Filings			Guilty Dis	positions
		Percent			Percent
	Number	Change 🚽		Number	Change
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2000	186,086		)	138,884	
2001	184,571	-0.8%		142,907	2.9%
2002	184,295	-0.1%		143,253	0.2%
2003	187,379	1.7%		147,707	3.1%
2004	194,863	4.0%		151,544	2.6%
2005	208,540	7.0%		159,007	4.9%
2006	219,642	5.3%		171,036	7.6%
2007	229,600	4.5%		184,100	7.6%
2008	223,126	-2.8%		185,897	1.0%
2009	201,307	-9.8%		160,033	-13.9%

# Indicator 3 Technical Violators





#### **Technical Violators to Prison**

			Technical violators
			as % of all new
		% change	commitments
2003	8,805	8	
2004	9,648	9.6%	<b>30.7</b> %
2005	10,246	6.2%	30.8%
2006	11,045	7.8%	30.9%
2007	10,953	-0.8%	27.8%
2008	9,290	-15.2%	23.1%
2009	7,497	-19.3%	20.0%

### Indicator 4 — Yearand-a-Day Sentences

## Year-and-a-day New Commitments to Prison

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	New		
	Commitments	Change	% Change
2000	2,267	X	
2001	2,393	126	5.6%
2002	2,385	(8)	-0.3%
2003	3,396	1,011	42.4%
2004	3,866	470	13.8%
2005	4,538	672	17.4%
2006	6,015	1,477	32.5%
2007	6,817	802	13.3%
2008	5,235	(1,582)	-23.2%
2009	4,130	(1,105)	-21.1%

#### **Year-and-a-Day New Commitments July through January**

		Year-and-a-Day	Y		
		New	8	- 1	
	<b>Total New</b>	Commitments			Year and day as
	Commitments	(Adjusted)	Change	% Change	percent of total
Jul 2008 - Jan 2009	22,608	2,939			13.0%
Jul 2009 - Jan 2010	21,045	2,174	(765)	-26.0%	10.3%

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#### MONITORING PRISON POPULATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SINCE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE HELD 2/19/2010

		X	CUMULATIVE
	POPUL/	ATION /	OVER/
MONTH	<b>ESTIMATE</b>	ACTUAL	(UNDER)
February 2010	101,582	101,467	-115
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#### For Additional Information

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