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Actions CDCR Has Taken to Reduce Overcrowding

Inmates Placed Out of State: CDCR has transferred inmates to out-of-state correctional facilities as authorized by AB 900, a historical correctional overhaul bill, enacted in May 2007. These temporary transfers have allowed prison officials to reduce the number of inmates sleeping in gymnasiums, dayrooms and other places not intended for housing.

Parole Reform: CDCR implemented SB 3x 18, which went into effect on Jan. 25, 2010, and authorizes the placement of eligible parolees (no serious or violent felony or sex-offender) onto Non-Revocable Parole (NRP). NRP removes low-level offenders from parole supervision, allowing CDCR to focus parole supervision on the most serious and violent parolees, reducing the number of parolees returned to custody for parole violations and thereby reducing the need for bed space in county jails and state prisons. The all-time parole population high was met on August 15, 2007 at 128,108 parolees.

Increases in Prison Healthcare Bed and Treatment Capacity: In May 2007, AB 900, historic correctional overhaul legislation, was enacted to address health care space deficiencies and overcrowding. Since its passage, CDCR has developed a number of projects to increase prison bed and healthcare treatment capacity, including the addition of over 1,800 health care and mental health prison hospital beds. CDCR planning and construction staff are reviewing future capacity needs to ensure that any additional construction projects satisfy the needs of the remaining inmate population and the mandates of the three-judge panel.

Senate Bill 678: Under this 2009 statute, the state funded probation departments using federal funds to provide additional supervision and treatment of probationers in the counties. As a result, the state saw 6,000 fewer probation failures than the year before. The state split the savings with the counties in hopes of seeing even greater results in the future.

Realignment to Place Lower-Level Offenders in Local Jurisdictions: On April 4, 2011, Governor Brown signed AB 109 to realign certain responsibilities for lower-level offenders, and adult parolees, from state to local jurisdictions. The Governor is working to secure constitutionally protected funding for realignment. CDCR is expected to reduce its inmate population to 128,921 by June 30, 2013 and to 124,039 by June 30, 2017.

Reduction of Non-Traditional Beds: The all-time high of non-traditional bed use was met in August 2007 at 19,618. In October 2011, CDCR was able to deactivate 898 nontraditional beds, 3,223 in November, and 844 in December 883 in January 2012, and the final 380 non-traditional beds deactivated in February.

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