



## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING - BOARD OF PAROLE

On November 22, 2016, Governor Terry Branstad held a budget hearing in conjunction with the Board of Parole (BOP). BOP Chair John Hodges presented the Department's FY 2018 and FY 2019 funding requests of \$1.2 million, a status quo budget.

Chair Hodges stated that the BOP is very strong and unified and has an excellent partnership with the Department of Corrections. Efficiencies achieved through using the Iowa Corrections Offender Network (ICON) have increased the number of reviews the BOP is able to achieve yearly. The BOP is requesting an additional \$160,000 from the Technology Reinvestment Fund for the development of a commutation and clemency module within ICON and to finish the digitization of 11,300 existing files. Both of these projects would continue to enhance the efficiencies the BOP has been implementing.

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