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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — BOARD OF PAROLE

Budget Hearing. On November 29, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Board of Parole (BOP). Board of Parole Chairperson John Hodges presented the Board budget request for FY 2019 as summarized in an earlier [Fiscal Update Article](#). Chairperson Hodges highlighted the following items:

- The Board of Parole conducted 12,200 reviews in FY 2017. The number of reviews conducted annually by the Board has steadily increased since FY 2014. In FY 2018, Chairperson Hodges estimates the Board could conduct as many as 12,500 reviews.
- The Board has worked with the Department of Corrections to develop a statewide standardized process for revocation hearings. As a result, the average stay in jail prior to a BOP hearing has been reduced from 40 days to 24 days. In FY 2017, this decrease in the average length of stay in jail resulted in a 41.0% reduction in county confinement costs from FY 2016.
- The Board is planning for the development of an Iowa Corrections Offender Network (ICON) Commutation and Clemency module. The module would allow for the digital submission, management, transmission, and storage of applications.
- The Board is working on the digitization of existing paper offender files. There are approximately 11,300 files that must still be digitized and entered into ICON.

Budget Request. The Board submitted an FY 2019 request for General Fund appropriations totaling \$1.2 million. This is no increase compared to estimated FY 2018. Additionally, the Board is requesting \$160,000 from the Technology Reinvestment Fund for BOP technology projects.

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