

Budget Sub Questions

IOWA BOARD OF PAROLE

Budget Reduction Impacts

- 1) One FTE a Clerk for the Certificate of Employability Program (COE)
This position was not funded by the Legislature. The position remains vacant. The Iowa Board of Parole does plan to fill this vacancy hopefully by July 1, 2009. The salary for this entry position is \$22,000 which includes benefits.
- 2) For the most recent 3% budget reduction for FY 09 and FY 10. We identified that one of our Administrative Law Judges has been sent to active military duty with no payment from the state. He will be deployed for 12 months, providing the agency a cost savings of nearly \$39,000. Also, a Clerk's position would remain unfilled for the remainder of FY 09.
- 3) Same response as Question #2
- 4) If IBOP were forced to cut its budget by 10% the impact could result in In staff furloughs and/or lay-offs both of which would greatly reduce the effectiveness as to how the agency operates. For example, victim notification statutorily must be made to them 20-days before a hearing. Therefore, we would need to retain our Clerk Specialist to meet this mandate. We only have one ALJ who handles revocation hearings, a furlough or layoff of this employee potentially would slow down this process and this could potentially increase the prison population. Further, if we lost any staff due to a double-digit budget reduction, there would also probably be a significant reduction in the number of parole hearings the Board conducts. It is the staff that prepares their parole case files for their review. Ultimately, a reduction of 10% for IBOP could endanger the public's safety.
- 5) IBOP has no assets or services that can be leased, sold or outsourced.