

***Joint Judiciary Committee
Presentation***

Colorado Board of Parole
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Overview of Operations

Comprehensive Review of Operations

- * Identify workload inefficiencies
- * Develop strategies to improve operations
 - Optimize use of technology
 - Streamline functions

Updating Parole Board Operations Manual

- * Target completion: November 2012

Aggressive and Innovative Training Program (SB 11-241)

- * 39 hours of training completed since July 1, 2011
 - enhanced proficiency

Presumption of Parole – Drug Offenders

HB 11-1064

- Pilot program establishing presumption in favor of granting parole to an offender
 - Parole eligible
 - Serving a sentence for drug use/possession crime committed prior to August 11, 2010
- Offender must meet eligibility criteria and institutional behavior
- Parole Application Hearing must occur within 90 days

Presumption of Parole - ICE Detainees

SB 11-241 provides a presumption of parole for eligible offenders

- ◊ Offenders must meet eligibility requirements,
- ◊ Foreign born who have an ICE detainer issued, and
- ◊ Federal Government intends to deport the offender after incarceration.

Unintended Consequence of SB11-241

- ◊ 9 offenders have not been deported
- ◊ *Undocumented Status*
 - *financial burden and risk of re-offending to Colorado communities*

Presumptive Parole Outcomes

	<i>2011/2012 11/30/2011</i>	<i>2010/2011 11/30/2010</i>
<i>Reviewed by Parole Board</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>190</i>
<i>Granted</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>161</i>
<i>Ordered*</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Deferred</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Pending</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Releases as of 11/30/2011</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>120</i>

Special Needs Parole

SB11-241 made changes to the operations of the Parole Board regarding "special needs" offenders

- 60 years of age or older and has been diagnosed by a licensed health care provider, as suffering from a chronic infirmity, illness, condition, disease, or mental illness, the Department or the Parole Board determines that the person is incapacitated to the extent that he or she is not likely to pose a risk to public safety, or*
- suffers from a chronic, permanent, terminal, or irreversible physical or mental illness, condition, disease, or mental illness that requires costly care or treatment, and who is determined by the Department or the Parole Board to be incapacitated to the extent that he or she is not likely to pose a risk to public safety.*

Special Needs Parole Referrals and Decisions

	FY2011	FY2012
Referred to Parole Board	9*	6
Deceased Before Parole Board Review	1	1
Reviewed by Parole Board		
Deferred	1	1
Granted	1	6
Tabled	1**	2
Subtotal	3	9
Released by the Parole Board as of 12/30/11	1	6

Conclusion

Questions