



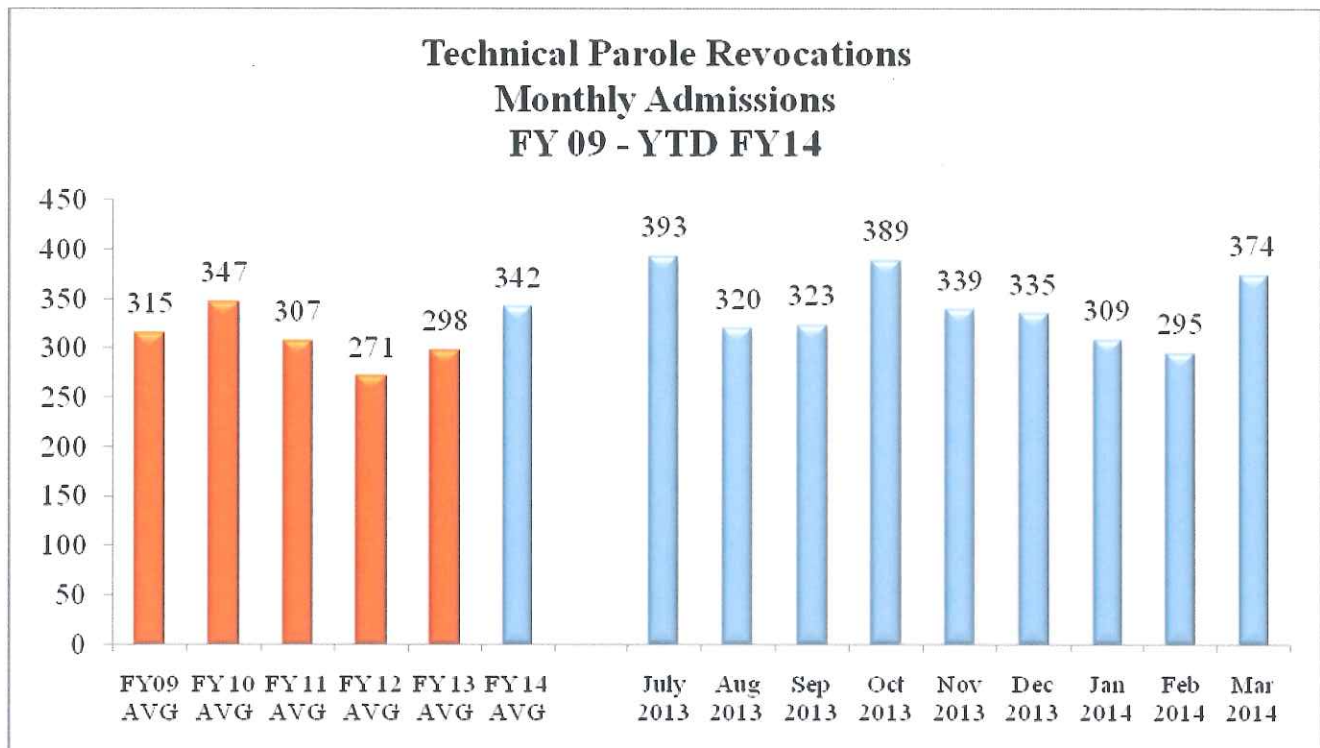
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To: Members of the House Judiciary Committee
 From: Christie Donner
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 Re: Technical parole revocation trend (HB 14-1355)

In FY13, 37% of all admissions to prison were for a technical violation of parole. This year, the number of people revoke from parole for a technical violation has dramatically increased. The DOC projects that prison admissions for a technical violation of parole will increase by 14% for men and 24% for women over last year. In contrast, new court commitments are projected to increase 3% in FY 14.

It is CCJRC's position that the increase in the number of people revoked for a technical violation of parole is a primary reason why the prison population has started to increase again for the first time in several years.

As a result of the rise in the prison population, the Joint Budget Committee recently approved a supplemental request to the DOC FY13-14 budget in excess of \$9.8 million, the majority of which would fund more external capacity in jails (\$3m) and private prisons (\$5.35m). DOC also received funding to re-open units closed in FY13 at Trinidad Correctional Facility, Buena Vista Correctional Facility and Sterling Correctional Facility.



Source: Colorado Department of Corrections, Monthly Population Reports for FY 13 and FY 14; Colorado Department of Corrections, Annual Statistical Reports for FY 09 thru FY12