

March 7, 2025

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S

and

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 111-N

Dear Senator Billinger and Representative Waymaster:

The items contained in this memo, Governor's Budget Amendment No. 1, amend the budget that I submitted to you in January. The items reflect current issues that have arisen or changes that can be made based on current information. Total adjustments to expenditures are shown below.

Expenditures	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
State General Fund	\$ --	\$ 4,143,829
All Other Funds	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
All Funds	\$ --	\$ 4,143,829

Historical Society

1. Kansas Historic Site Fund

I amend my budget to include the Kansas Historic Site Fund for the Kansas Historical Society in FY 2026, which has been inadvertently omitted from past appropriations bills. 2022 Senate Substitute for HB 2239 allows the Department of Revenue to distribute donations that Kansas taxpayers can choose to make for a state historic site. The Kansas Historical Society would like the Department to transfer donations to this fund, so the Society can distribute any donations to the appropriate state historic site the taxpayer has chosen. I encourage the Department and Society to work together to find a resolution to this situation.

Expenditure	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
State General Fund	\$ --	\$ --
All Other Funds	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
All Funds	\$ --	\$ --

Department of Corrections

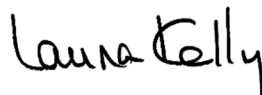
2. Lansing Correctional Facility Recruitment & Retention

The Department of Corrections has been notified that CoreCivic, the owner of a mothballed private prison in Leavenworth County, has filed for a special use permit to operate the facility as a detention center for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The agency reports that CoreCivic may offer entry level correctional officers as much as \$28.81 per hour, compared to the entry level rate of \$23.31 per hour at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF). With LCF staffing only recently returning to adequate levels, the opening of this detention center could jeopardize the agency’s recruitment and retention efforts. Any loss in personnel will ultimately impact the safety and security of the facility. With the addition of \$4.1 million from the State General Fund in FY 2026 a retention pay differential of \$4.50 per hour at LCF will bring the entry level pay to \$27.81 per hour.

I amend my budget to include an appropriation of \$4,143,820 from the State General Fund in FY 2026 to the State Finance Council. The State Finance Council will release the funding to Lansing Correction Facility upon certification by the Secretary of Corrections that the private prison is becoming operational and the funding is necessary to provide a retention differential.

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Sincerely,



Laura Kelly, Governor