Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will typically meet three times a year to “develop official information relating to the criminal justice system, including forecasts of prison admissions and population…for the state planning and budgeting system.”

Projections are usually based on current law/current administration.

Principals include staff from the House and Senate, the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budgeting, and the Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research.
In addition, the Criminal Justice Impact Conference meets to determine the prison bed impact of proposed legislation.

Proposed legislation which creates new felony offenses or increases the penalty for existing offenses may impact the number of prison beds that are needed.

Alternatively, proposed legislation which creates diversion programs or reduces the penalty for existing offenses may impact the number of prison beds that are needed (fewer beds).
CJ EC met on July 26, 2012 and on November 19, 2012.

In July, CJ EC had projected that FY 12-13 prison admissions would decline by 2.3% from FY 11-12 but in the first four months of FY 12-13, admissions were 2.8% higher than in FY 11-12.

This resulted in a higher forecast in November than in July.
## Monitoring Prison Admissions to the Department of Corrections
Since the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Held 11/19/2012

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## Monitoring Prison Population in the Department of Corrections
Since the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Held 11/19/2012

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CJ EC met again on February 19, 2013--

After reviewing trends in various indicators, principals decided to keep the November 19, 2012 forecast.
Three-Year Declines

- **Crime Trends**
  - Index crimes
  - Crime rate
  - Arrests

- **Judicial System Trends**
  - Felony filings
  - Guilty dispositions

- **New Commitments to Prison**
● **Crime Trends**
  - Declining but at slower rate than prior 2 yrs

● **Judicial System Trends**
  - Mixed--Guilty dispositions declining at slower rate than prior 2 years but felony filings declining at higher rate than prior 2 years.

● **New Commitments to Prison**
  - Declining but at slower rate than prior 2 yrs
Current CJ EC projected prison admissions compared to July 2012 CJ EC:

+ 797 for FY 12-13
+ 981 for FY 13-14
+ 1,014 for FY 14-15

FY 12-13 admissions now projected to be 32,555 -- 0.2% above FY 11-12
Current CJ EC projected prison population compared to July’s CJ EC:

June 30\textsuperscript{th} prison population:

\begin{align*}
+ & \quad 704 \text{ for FY 12-13} \\
+ & \quad 1,080 \text{ for FY 13-14} \\
+ & \quad 1,442 \text{ for FY 14-15}
\end{align*}

June 30, 2013 prison population projection \textbf{100,009}
Prison Population on June 30: Actual and Projected -- July 2012 and Current CJECs

Actual

Jul 2012 CJEC

Current CJEC

June 30
For Additional Information

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