

AGENDA

February 11, 2014; 9:30 a.m. – Noon
State Capitol, Room 4202

CDCR'S Proposed New Policies on Inmate Segregation: The Promise and Imperative of Real Reform

I) *Welcome and Introductions*

- Assembly Member Ammiano, Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
- Senator Hancock, Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee
- Other members of the Committees

II) *The New CDCR "Security Threat Group Policy": Presentation by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (40 minutes)*

Department witnesses will describe the difference between CDCR's new "Security Threat Group Policy" and the policy it is replacing. Specifically, witnesses will explain the key differences between the old and new policies, including 1) how inmates are determined to be subject to SHU ("Security Housing Unit") placement; 2) how inmates can be released or "stepped down" from the SHU; 3) how inmates can contest a SHU placement; and 4) the conditions of confinement in the SHU. CDCR also will describe the implementation of the new policies, which were introduced in 2012 as a pilot.

- George Giurbino, Chief Deputy Administrator, Special Project Team, Division of Adult Institutions
- Suzan Hubbard, Chief Deputy Administrator, Special Project Team, Division of Adult Institutions

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III) *The Continuing National Dialogue: Expert Discussion of State and Federal Prison Policies on How, When and If Segregation and Isolation should be Used as a Prison Management Tool* (50 minutes)

National experts will discuss prison segregation and isolation policies in other states and federal prisons, and assist Committee members with understanding California's past and proposed policies in the broader context of effective approaches undertaken in other jurisdictions.

- Hope R. Metcalf, Associate Research Scholar in Law; Director, Arthur Liman Program; and Lecturer in Law, Yale Law School
- Professor Craig Haney, University of California, Santa Cruz

IV) *The California Inmate Experience Today: Observations and Perspectives of Attorneys Representing Prison Inmates* (30 minutes)

Prisoner rights and civil rights attorneys will provide testimony about their experiences representing inmates under the new Security Threat Group policy and the Step Down Program. The speakers will offer alternatives to the program as well as best practices from other states.

- Anne Weills, Esq., Civil Rights Attorney
- Charles Carbone, Esq., Prisoner Rights Attorney

V) *Final Remarks Regarding the New Security Threat Group Policy: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation* (10 minutes)

VI) *Public Comment* (20 minutes)