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**Office of the State Auditor Releases a Performance Audit of the
Utah Department of Corrections Inmate Placement Program**
Inmate Placement Program Houses State Inmates at County Jails

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today announced the release of a Performance Audit of the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) Inmate Placement Program (IPP). Nineteen counties contract with UDC to house state inmates under the supervision of IPP. Individual county contracts range from 10 to 396 beds and IPP oversees over 20% of total inmates in State custody.

The audit resulted in six findings.

1. UDC did not adequately learn from the inappropriate activities that occurred at the Daggett County Jail.
2. UDC's monitoring of contract jails is inadequate.
3. IPP does not adequately track and resolve concerns identified at contract jails.
4. UDC operated without jail standards.
5. UDC cannot adequately judge how effective IPP is at accomplishing its mission.
6. UDC Internal Audit Bureau does not prioritize IPP's significant risks.

State Auditor John Dougall commented, "Significant issues with UDC's Inmate Placement Program had previously been identified over the past couple of decades. Unfortunately, UDC did not adequately learn from these issues and improve its oversight of IPP and IPP did not adequately improve its monitoring of contracted facilities. It is essential for UDC to properly assess IPP's performance and prioritize needed improvements with contract jail monitoring."

The report may be found on the Office's website at auditor.utah.gov and specifically at: <https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=0151K000003dkZDQAY>

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