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NDF Testimony on SB72 – Senate Natural Resource Committee – 2/19/03

Mr. Chair, I certainly endorse this legislation proposed by Senator Amodei.

Inmate pay has been from \$2.10 to \$3.10 per day, depending on length of service and only \$0.80 to \$1.00 per hour for fire pay.

The Governor's panel on Corrections last year brought this issue up once again and it was discussed at length.

A couple of qualifications, we are not planning to increase the pay rate for most projects, especially the unpaid variety. This makes up a considerable part of our workload – everything from maintaining veteran cemeteries to maintenance of State Parks

Consequently, this legislation establishes a process by which we can selectively compensate our inmate fire crews more equitably.