

HB 1017 Correctional Services - Private Immigration Detention
Facilities - Zoning Requirement

Position: Favorable

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To: Chairperson Wells, Vice Chair Kerr and members of the
Government, Labor and Elections Committee

My name is Loreen Heinz from District 12A; I am representing myself.

Detention centers should be run by the government at federal, state and local levels. They should be facilities for those who have been through the judicial system and deemed too dangerous to be released to the public. They should be accountable to elected officials.

Private, for profit centers, have no place in our state. Currently in this country, such centers hold tens of thousands of people of all ages, few with any criminal record. They are holding pens for humans and circumvent due process for the detainees. It is unconscionable to allow companies to make money off this vulnerable population.

Please vote Favorable on this bill. We cannot be complicit in the brutality of this administration.