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## **Statement on Senate Democrats' Request for Public Informational Hearing on Lincoln Hills**

"I think all of us in the Legislature are concerned about the allegations coming out of the Lincoln Hills juvenile correctional facility. Abuse has no place in our criminal justice system, or in our prisons.

"Over the last week, I have spoken with and met with several Department of Corrections officials, including Secretary Ed Wall, multiple times. I am confident that they are seeking to get to the bottom of the matter, are cooperating fully with the investigation, and that they have been forthright with myself and others.

"It is important to remember that there is an ongoing investigation at Lincoln Hills. We are aware of a John Doe investigation, and internal investigations at the Department of Corrections and Department of Justice. I do not wish to hold a public hearing that could jeopardize those, or other, investigations. As the investigations move forward, I will continue to follow the matter closely. I encourage other members of the Legislature to do so as well."

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