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Overview

This bonding proposal calls for \$84,844,000 to design, construct, furnish, and equip a bed expansion at the Department of Corrections' Faribault Prison. The bill specifies that the expansion must include three new 416-bed, double-bunked wet cell lockable living units, a new kitchen and dining area, an expanded health services area, additional programming space, an upgrade to the existing heating plant, and demolition of several buildings and a utility tunnel.

According to the Department of Corrections' web site: "The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Faribault ... is a medium-security, level-three facility housing adult males. A level 1 and 2 minimum-security unit is also located outside the secure perimeter. The 1989 Minnesota Legislature initially approved opening of the facility by authorizing funds to convert portions of the Faribault Regional Center for correctional use. Population is 1,233 (3/1/04). The facility includes ten remodeled buildings used for living quarters. One of the buildings has been adapted to meet the needs of the department's geriatric and special needs populations."