

Dem predicts 1,000 jobs to be restored

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ALBANY — A key state lawmaker predicted yesterday that the Legislature would restore 1,000 jobs cut under Gov. Carey's proposed \$27.3 billion budget.

The lawmaker, Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chairman Arthur J. Kremer, D-Nassau, said \$11 million would be added to Carey's budget proposal to keep the 1,000 employees on the state payroll.

Carey has proposing trimming 3,000 jobs from the state budget, but Kremer said only about 1,000 of the cuts represent actual layoffs.

Hardest hit by Carey's proposed staff reductions is the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook. The institution for the retarded is slated to lose 1,119 jobs in the Carey budget, or nearly half its work force.

Kremer said many of the staff cuts at developmental centers like Willowbrook are necessary because of state efforts to move residents out of large institutions and into smaller facilities in the community.