

# California State Assembly



## Informational Hearing Agenda

### Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 6 on Public Safety

Assemblymember James Ramos, Chair

Monday, May 19, 2025  
2:30p.m. – State Capitol, Room 447

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### 2025-26 May Revision Proposals

I. **Overview of the Governor's May Revision Proposals on Public Safety by Department Presented by the Department of Finance and Department Representatives**

**Office of Emergency Services**

1. May Revision Overview and General Fund Solutions  
Comments from the Legislative Analyst's Office  
Member Questions and Comments

**Judicial Branch**

2. May Revision Overview and General Fund Solutions  
Comments from the Legislative Analyst's Office  
Member Questions and Comments

**CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

3. May Revision Overview
4. Spring Population Projections
5. Trailer Bills: Tuberculosis Testing Changes and Licensure of Mental Health Professionals

## 6. General Fund Solutions

Savings Category	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>4.05 and 4.12 Efficiency Savings (2024 Budget Act)</b>	\$178,185,000	\$186,042,000	\$186,042,000	\$186,042,000
<b>Operational Improvements (2025-26 May Revision)</b>	\$125 million	\$480 million	\$554 million	\$635 million
<b>Prison Closure (Estimated)</b>	0	\$112.5 million	\$150 million	\$150 million
<b>Total</b>	\$303,185,000	\$778,542,000	\$890,042,000	\$971,042,000

Comments from the Legislative Analyst's Office  
Member Questions and Comments

**Department of Justice**

7. May Revision Overview and General Fund Solutions
8. Federal Accountability Workload  
Comments from the Legislative Analyst's Office  
Member Questions and Comments

**Local Public Safety**

9. Suitability of Facilities for the Confinement of Juveniles Trailer Bill  
Comments from the Legislative Analyst's Office  
Member Questions and Comments

**Various Other Departments**

Member Questions and Comments

**II. Public Comment\***

*\*Public Comment will be taken in person after the completion of all panels and any discussion from the Members of the Subcommittee.*

## May Revision Highlights

### California Office of Emergency Services

- Requests a one-time increase of \$1,228,000,000 Federal Trust Fund authority (\$654,928,000 for state operations and \$573,072,000 for local assistance) based on projects anticipated to complete the Federal Emergency Management Agency review process for eligible disaster costs and be reimbursed in fiscal year 2025-26. It is also proposed that this methodology be used to make baseline budget adjustments, as appropriate, in future proposed budgets.
- Requests Control Section 90.00 be added to authorize the Director of Finance to augment any state department or agency appropriation for costs necessary during 2025-26 to continue recovery efforts related to damage caused by the Eaton Fire and Palisades Fire in January 2025. These augmentations shall be within the cumulative total of the \$2.5 billion authorized in Control Sections 90.00 and 90.01 of the 2024 Budget Act and shall be made on or before June 30, 2026.
- Requests provisional budget bill language to ensure the amount available for expenditure from the State Emergency Telephone Account is sufficient to support 9-1-1 Emergency Communications.
- Requests \$605,000 in state operations and \$11.5 million in local assistance for one-time Federal Trust Fund authority for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.
- Requests the liquidation extension of \$3,009,000 General Fund from the 2022 Budget Act, and \$2,023,000 Disaster Resistant Communities Account from the 2021 Budget Act, from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027. This will allow time to complete the acceptance and deployment of four Swiftwater Tow Vehicles and nine Type III Fire Engines.
- Extends the liquidation period of \$794,000 General Fund from fiscal year 2021-22 from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027, for critical infrastructure maintenance at the California Specialized Training Institute.
- Reverts existing authority of \$16,980,000 General Fund and replace with \$40,145,000 General Fund for the construction phase of the Relocation of Red Mountain Communications Site project, a net increase of \$23,165,000. The project relocates the existing Red Mountain public safety radio communications site off Sovereign land and constructs three towers, with all other ancillary components, to maintain coverage for the Northwestern region of the state.

- Reappropriates \$7,236,000 General Fund for the Mather: State Operations Center capital outlay project. The reappropriation is necessary to provide additional time for the department to encumber funding for a complex array of equipment, such as the video wall and computer systems, necessary for operation of the State Operations Center.

### **Judicial Branch**

- Includes \$2.7 million in 2025-26, \$1.5 million in 2026-27, and \$784,000 in 2027-28 for the courts to implement Chapter 860, Statutes of 2024 (SB 549) known as the Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act.
- Reduces the General Fund backfill for the State Court Facilities and Construction Fund (SCFCF) by \$20 million.
- Reduces \$9 million ongoing General Fund for trial court employee health benefits to reflect the updated health benefit and retirement rate changes for trial court employees, leaving \$19.8 million available for 2025-26.
- Proposes trailer bill related to courthouse surplus property disposition.
- Includes the following General Fund solutions:
  - Reduction of \$38 million in 2025-26 of the unrestricted fund balance to Trial Court Trust Fund and transfer to the General Fund (savings from previous allocations to the Judicial Branch).
  - Reversion of \$20 million General Fund from 2024-25 associated with savings related to the Judicial Branch's pretrial services and a reduction of \$20 million ongoing General Fund beginning in 2025-26, leaving \$50 million in 2025-26 and ongoing.
  - Reversion of \$9.1 million General Fund in 2023-24 and 2024-25 associated with unspent funds provided to the Judicial Branch for improvements to incompetent to stand trial evaluations.
  - Reversion of \$27.5 million General Fund in 2023-24 and 2024-25 of unspent funds for the Jury Duty Pilot Program (Chapter 326, Statutes of 2022) AB 1981) and proposed trailer bill to suspend the program.
  - Transfer of \$34.3 million in savings and interest revenue from the Court Facilities Architectural Revolving Fund to the SCFCF, resulting in a one-time reduction of the General Fund backfill to the SCFCF by the same amount in 2025-26.
  - Withdrawal of New Tracy Courthouse Performance Criteria proposal.

- Withdrawal of \$500,000 General Fund for Statewide Budget Packages and Advanced Planning.

### **Department of Justice**

- Provides \$14.4 million ongoing (\$13.3 million General Fund and \$1.1 million Special Fund) and 44 positions to defend California against adverse federal actions, including workload associated with defending environmental protections, negative impacts of tariffs, reproductive choice, and termination of federal grants.
- Includes \$3.2 million General Fund in 2025-26 and \$1.6 million in 2026-27 for information technology enhancements at DOJ to establish a new connection between CLETS and the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Includes \$2.7 million (\$1.1 million General Fund and \$1.6 million Special Fund) in 2025-26 and \$3.2 million (\$1.2 million General Fund and \$2 million Special Fund) in 2026-27 for DOJ to continue the transition to FISCAL with an estimated completed date by the end of 2026-27.
- Includes \$2.4 million General Fund and four positions in 2025-26 and \$812,000 in 2026-27 and ongoing to implement the provisions of Chapter 811, Statutes of 2024 (AB 1877).
- Includes \$1.2 million Registry of Charities and Fundraisers Fund and 8 positions and \$1.4 million 2026-27 and ongoing to address the program workload within the Registry of Charities and Fundraisers within the Charitable Trusts Section.
- Includes a budgetary loan of \$150 million from the Unfair Competition Law Fund to the General Fund in 2025-26 from resources not required for currently projected operational or programmatic purposes.
- Includes a reduction of \$729,000 (\$656,000 General Fund and \$73,000 Special Fund) in 2025-26, decreasing to \$563,000 (\$492,000 General Fund and \$71,000 Special Fund) in 2028-29 and ongoing to withdraw proposals from the Governor's Budget associated with various chaptered legislation that DOJ will implement within existing resources.

### **California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

- Revises total funding proposed to \$13.6 billion (\$13.2 billion General Fund and \$385.4 million other funds) for 2025-26, of which \$4.1 billion is for health care, including mental health care.

- Projects that Proposition 36 will cause a temporary increase of the prison population to 92,179 in 2027-28 but maintains an overall downward trend to 89,692 by June 30, 2029. Projects the 2025-26 prison population to be 91,205 and the average daily parolee population to be 34,197. Projects the parole population to remain relatively stable over the next few years at 34,213 by June 30, 2029.
- Proposes to close one prison by October 2026 which will result in approximately \$150 million in annual General Fund savings.
- Reappropriates and repurposes \$50.8 million in roof replacement funding provided in the 2023 Budget Act and \$62 million from the 2024 Budget Act for various statewide roof replacement projects and kitchen repairs at Corcoran and Salinas Valley State Prison.
- Includes \$37.3 million in 2025-26 and \$44.2 million in 2026-27 and 2027-28 to replace fire alarm control panels and systems at two prisons that require staff to patrol for fires as mandated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- Provides \$21.5 million in 2025-26 and \$11 million ongoing in increased reimbursement authority, an increase of 65 positions in 2025-26 and ongoing, and a reduction of \$6.2 million General Fund in 2025-26, an increase of \$3.8 million in 2026-27, and a reduction of \$11 million ongoing to support the full implementation of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Justice-Involved Initiative and account for additional federal reimbursements.
- Proposes trailer bill to increase the ability for full-time incarcerated college students to also hold a job or participate in additional rehabilitative programming.
- Proposes trailer bill to broaden the pre-licensure employment waiver option to include all mental health professionals employed by CDCR.
- Proposes trailer bill to limit tuberculosis testing requirements to only those employees working in institutional settings and allows employees to complete this testing during their first week of employment.
- Proposes to modify the following General Fund proposals that were included in the Governor's Budget in January:
  - Reduction of \$7.8 million one-time General Fund in 2025-26 and use the remaining \$5 million to continue COVID-19 prevention and mitigation activities.

- Reduction of \$6 million General Fund in 2025-26 and \$25.4 million General Fund in 2026-27 for the Air Cooling Pilot Program and use the remaining \$17.6 million in 2025-26 and \$20 million in 2026-27 to initiate the pilot program at three prisons.
  - Reduction of \$23.1 million in 2025-26 related to the plan to complete accessibility improvements at six prisons.
  - Reduction of \$19.8 million ongoing related to the maintenance and replacement of CDCR's existing public safety radio and communications equipment.
  - Withdrawal of \$500,000 for Statewide Budget Packages and Advanced Planning.
- Includes \$125 million General Fund savings in 2025-26 growing to over \$600 million General Fund savings in 2027-28 that CDCR will work to identify through additional operational improvements related to headquarters, contract management, overtime management, and modifying various aspects of health care programs.

### **Office of State Public Defender**

- Withdraws \$148,000 General Fund and 1 position in 2025-26 and \$141,000 ongoing to address the Public Records Act workload.

### **Local Public Safety**

- Updates Proposition 47 savings to \$91.5 million in 2025-26 which funds programs to support mental health and substance use treatment, school dropout and truancy prevention programs, and victim services.
- Includes updated trailer bill related to SB 678 (Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant Program).
- Includes trailer bill related to the suitability of facilities for the confinement of youth.

### **Military Department**

- Includes Military Department Federal Background Checks trailer bill.
- Includes a reduction of \$4.75 million one-time for deferred maintenance in 2025-26 and includes provisional budget bill language for an augmentation of \$4.75 million if the Military Department receives federal funds for three deferred maintenance projects as the Military Department would be required to share in the cost of the projects.
- Withdraws \$419,000 General Fund for the working drawings phase of the STARBASE Classroom Building project.

## Victims Compensation Board

- Reappropriates and extends grants for Trauma Recovery Centers from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

## Attachments

### Overview of the Governor's May Revision Proposals on Public Safety

- Attachment 1: Department of Finance May Revision Fiscal Letter on Legislative, Judicial and Executive (Judicial Branch, Office of Emergency Services, Department of Justice)
- Attachment 2: Department of Finance May Revision Fiscal Letter on Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Attachment 3: Department of Finance May Revision Fiscal Letter on General Government (Office of the State Public Defender, Military Department)
- Attachment 4: Department of Finance May Revision Fiscal Letter Government Operations (California Victim Compensation Board)
- Attachment 5: Department of Finance May Revise Fiscal Letter on Amendments to and Addition of Various Budget Items, Support and Local Assistance (Office of Emergency Services)
- Attachment 6: Department of Finance May Revise Fiscal Letter on Capital Outlay (Office of Emergency Services)

### Trailer Bills

- Jury Duty Pilot Program
- Courthouse Surplus Property Disposition
- Licensure of Mental Health Professionals
- Work Privileges for Incarcerated College Students
- Tuberculosis Testing Changes
- Suitability of Facilities for the Confinement of Juveniles
- SB 678 Formula Amendments
- Military Department Federal Background Checks

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