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

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

## Items To Be Heard

### Various Departments' May Revision Proposals

#### Issue 1: Judicial Branch

The Judicial Council will provide an overview of their May Revision budget proposals.

#### Panel

- Judicial Council
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst's Office

#### May Revision Proposals

1. **Language Access in California Courts.** Proposes \$20 million Trial Court Trust Fund annually in 2026-27 and 2027-28 to address rising court interpreter costs and support language access and interpreter services in all case types in the trial courts.
2. **Appellate Court Security.** Proposes \$1.6 million Appellate Court Trust Fund annually in 2026-27 through 2029-2030 to continue resources for appellate court security previously funded on a limited term basis.
3. **State Court Facilities Construction Fund Backfill.** Reduces \$10 million General Fund annually in 2026-27 and 2027-28 to reflect the updated General Fund backfill need of the State Court Facilities Construction Fund backfill based on current revenue estimates.
4. **Equal Access Fund Administrative Rate Increase.** Proposes provisional language to increase the allowable administrative cost cap in the Equal Access Fund from 2.5 to 5 percent.
5. **State Retirement Contributions to the Judges' Retirement System II.** Proposes a reduction of \$9,776,000 ongoing to comply with the statutory requirement per Government Code section 75600.5, that the state retirement contribution to JRS II be appropriated based on the contribution rate submitted by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration. On April 14, 2026, the CalPERS Board approved a JRS II contribution rate of 22.18 percent for fiscal year 2026-27, a decrease from the 2025-26 rate of 22.62 percent. The decrease in the rate is because the fund is in a surplus position, so the unfunded liability portion of the rate is 0 percent.
6. **Timeline Extension for Court User Access to Lactation Rooms.** Proposes trailer bill to extend the implementation date for lactation rooms for court users in courthouses from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2029. A total of \$20.4 million has been provided to implement the statutory requirement to provide lactation rooms to court users in courthouses. By the end

of 2027, a total of 126 lactation rooms will have been completed, leaving 92 pending projects. The Judicial Council states that additional resources are required for the build out of the remaining projects.

## 7. Various Courthouse Related Proposals

- **Nevada County: New Nevada City Courthouse, Reappropriation—Acquisition.** Proposes to reappropriate \$4,550,000 from the General Fund to address a delay in the acquisition due to the execution of the acquisition purchase agreement. The agreement is anticipated to be completed by May 2026, with the final payment and acquisition planned for September 2028.
- **Solano County: New Solano Hall of Justice (Fairfield)—Acquisition.** Proposes to reappropriate \$12,127,000 from the General Fund, to address a delay in acquisition due to extended time for oversight review and approval, including additional historical assessment and complex acquisition negotiations. Approval of acquisition is anticipated in June 2027.
- **Fresno County: New Fresno Courthouse—Acquisition.** Proposes to reappropriate \$11,194,000 from the General Fund to address a delay in acquisition due to extended and complex acquisition negotiations. Approval of acquisition is anticipated in May 2027.
- **Plumas County: New Quincy Courthouse—Acquisition.** Proposes to reappropriate \$1,470,000 from the General Fund, which is necessary to address a delay in acquisition due to an extended site selection process. Approval of acquisition is anticipated in June 2027.
- **Los Angeles County: New Santa Clarita Courthouse—Acquisition.** Proposes to reappropriate \$34,177,000 from the General Fund to address a delay in acquisition due to an extended site selection process, which includes extensive stakeholder engagement with the community and local elected officials of the city of Santa Clarita. Approval of acquisition is anticipated in July 2027.
- **San Luis Obispo County: New San Luis Obispo Courthouse—Acquisition and Performance Criteria.** Proposes to reappropriate \$22,869,000 for acquisition and \$7,853,000 for performance criteria from the General Fund to address a delay in acquisition due to ongoing negotiations with the county. Approval of acquisition is anticipated in September 2026 and performance criteria will start that same month.

**Staff Recommendation:** Hold open.

**Issue 2: Board of State and Community Corrections**

The Board of State and Community Corrections will provide an overview of their May Revision budget proposals.

**Panel**

- Board of State and Community Corrections
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst’s Office

**May Revision Proposals**

1. **Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program.** Proposes \$10 million one-time General Fund for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program.
2. **Human Trafficking Vertical Prosecution Grant Program.** Proposes \$10 million one-time General Fund for BSCC to administer a competitive Vertical Prosecutor grant program aimed at preventing human trafficking.
3. **Proposition 47.** Updates estimates for Proposition 47 savings to \$89.1 million for 2026-27 for grants to support recidivism reduction, mental health, substance use disorder, truancy and dropout prevention, and victims’ programs.
4. **CCPIG.** Updates estimates for the Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant to \$132.2 million General Fund in 2026-27.

**Staff Recommendation:** Hold open.

**Issue 3: Department of Justice**

The Department of Justice will provide an overview of their May Revision proposals.

**Panel**

- Department of Justice
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst's Office

**May Revision Proposals**

1. **Antitrust Litigation Funding.** Proposes \$14.3 million Special Funds in 2026-27, declining to \$10.5 million in 2029-30 to address an anticipated increase in antitrust workload. The 2023 Budget Act included \$8 million annually for this effort.
2. **Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse: Federal Grant Authority.** Proposes \$16.2 million (\$4.1 million False Claims act Fund and \$12.1 million Federal Trust Fund) to accept a federal grant award from the Office of Inspector General to support expanded investigations, enforcement activities, and prosecutions related to Medi-Cal fraud and elder abuse.
3. **Legal Services Revolving Fund Ongoing Workload.** Proposes \$10.8 million ongoing Legal Services Revolving Fund to maintain current services levels and address increased demand for legal services from client agencies.
4. **Completing Organized Retail Criminal Enterprise Investigations.** Proposes \$2.2 million one-time General Fund to provide DOJ with resources to resolve 27 existing cases related to organized retail criminal investigations stemming from the original funding provided in the 2022 Budget Act.
5. **Fingerprint System Modernization.** Proposes \$4.3 million Fingerprint Fees Account in 2026-27, \$5.5 million 2027-28, and \$1.1 million in 2028-29 and ongoing to upgrade biometric identification systems to cloud-based infrastructure.
6. **Registry of Charities and Fundraisers New Online System IT Support.** Proposes \$260,000 Registry of Charities and Fundraisers Fund in 2026-27 and \$251,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing to manage the registry's upgraded infrastructure, provide technical support to end users, and assist with hardware, software, data management, and reporting.
7. **Felony Murder Resentencing (SB 775).** Proposes \$3,915,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 through 2028-29 and provisional language to address the continued workload associated with sentence enhancements pursuant to Chapter 551, Statutes of 2021 (SB 775).

8. **Reappropriation: Department of Justice FI\$Cal Resources.** Proposes to extend the encumbrance period from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, for funding needed to support the Department's transition and onboarding to the Financial Information System for California (FI\$Cal) System.
9. **Reappropriation: Automated Criminal History System Workload.** Proposes to extend the encumbrance period from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, for funding related to workload for processing a backlog of arrest disposition reports in the Department of Justice's Automated Criminal History system pending Legislative approval of an unanticipated cost request provided through authority in the 2025 Budget Act.
10. **Federal Accountability Litigation.** Proposes reappropriation of up to \$7.35 million from control section 5.25, subdivision (e)(1) of the 2024 Budget Act to extend encumbrance availability until June 30, 2027, and expenditure until June 30, 2029, for the purpose of defending the state against enforcement and legal actions taken by the federal government and Section 2.00 may be augmented with notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
11. **Victims of Consumer Fraud Restitution Fund.** Proposes trailer bill to continuously appropriate funds from the Victims of Consumer Fraud Restitution Fund to the Attorney General. According to the DOJ, this statutory change would provide the Attorney General with the authority to promptly disburse restitution awards, without requiring an annual budget appropriation.
12. **Adjustments to implement recently chaptered legislation:**
  - **California Uniform Antitrust Premerger Notification Act: Chapter 3, Statutes of 2026 (SB 25).** Proposes \$320,000 and 2 positions in 2026-27 and \$576,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing.
  - **Deceptive Practices: Service Members and Veterans: Chapter 1, Statutes of 2026 (SB 694).** Proposes \$91,000 and 1 position in 2026-27 and \$162,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing.

**Staff Recommendation:** Hold open.

## 5225 – California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

### Issue 4: May Revision Proposals

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) will provide an overview of their May Revision Proposals.

#### Panel

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst’s Office

#### Background

##### Updated Population Projections

The May Revision projects the average daily incarcerated population to be 90,126 for 2025-26 and 87,611 in 2026-27. In the longer term, the population is projected to decline to 85,210 by June 30, 2030. Last year’s analysis indicated that Proposition 36 was expected to increase CDCR’s population by 1,878 in 2025-26 and 3,597 upon broader implementation. More recent projections indicate that the impacts will be lower: 592 in 2025-26 and 1,547 upon full implementation. The number of adult incarcerated individuals 55 and older has grown from 7% in 2010 to 21%, currently more than 19,000 incarcerated individuals.

Projects the average parolee population to be 33,785 in 2025-26 and is expected to decline to 33,125 in 2026-27. The parole population is projected to decline further to 21,028 by June 30, 2030.

Excludes any new proposed deactivations of prisons despite projected population reductions and the Legislative Analyst’s Office recommendation to deactivate one prison which could result in \$150 million in annual General Fund savings as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in avoided capital and maintenance investments.

##### Savings Update

The following table shows the savings that were proposed last year and updated at May Revision identified as a result of the \$20 million contract between the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and the Department of Finance. In addition to CDCR, the contract also includes identifying efficiencies within Department of Health Care Services.

Fiscal Year	Savings Proposed as part of 2025 Budget Act	Updated Savings 2026 May Revision
2025-26	\$125 million	\$42 million
2026-27	\$250 million	\$82 million

2027-28	\$375 million	\$100 million
2028-29	\$635 million and ongoing thereafter	\$116 million ongoing thereafter

**May Revision Proposals**

The May Revision updated CDCR’s budget to \$14.6 billion (\$14.2 billion General Fund and \$400 million other funds) in 2026-27. This is an increase of \$400 million General Fund compared to Governor’s Budget in January and a \$1 billion increase from the previous year’s May Revision (2025-26).

1. **Workers’ Compensation.** Proposes \$100 million ongoing General Fund increase for workers’ compensations costs. According to the department, workers’ compensation liabilities continue to rise, exceeding the funding available to address these liabilities. For 2026-27, CDCR’s available authority is \$532.6 million but their liability is \$726.5 million.
2. **Industrial Workers’ Compensation—Institutional Claims and Regional Staffing.** Proposes \$7.2 million General Fund and 34 positions in 2026-27, decreasing to \$5.6 million in 2030-31 and ongoing to regionalize and augment CDCR’s Return to Work Coordinator staffing.
3. **Corcoran State Prison Honor Housing.** Proposes \$9.7 million General Fund and 49 positions in 2026-27 and \$12.6 million and 65 positions in 2027-28 and ongoing to reactivate a previously closed housing unit in September 2026 and a second unit in February 2027, using single cell housing, to establish an “honor housing unit.” This will include a deactivation of housing units at California State Prison Solano and Avenal State Prison and a reactivation of different housing units at Avenal State Prison and a facility at the California Institution for Men, resulting in a systemwide reduction of 75 beds (an decrease of \$2.4 million General Fund in 2026-27 and an increase of \$0.6 million General Fund in 2027-28 and ongoing).
4. **Incarcerated Firefighter Pay (AB 247, 2025).** Proposes \$15.8 million (\$5.2 million General Fund and \$10.6 million in reimbursement authority) in 2026-27, and \$13.3 million (\$2.6 million General Fund and \$10.6 million in reimbursement authority) in 2027-28 and ongoing to implement Chapter 681, Statutes of 2025 (AB 247).
5. **Record Expungement for Incarcerated Firefighters: Chapter 746, Statutes of 2025 (SB 245).** Proposes \$391,000 General Fund increase in 2026-27 and \$241,000 in 2027-28 to provide courts with certifications of successful participation in a relevant program for the purposes of record expungement.
6. **Incarcerated Menopause Program.** Proposes \$1.1 million General Fund in 2026-27 to improve access to menopause education and clinical care for aging incarcerated women.

- 7. Food Funding Premise.** Proposes \$10.97 million ongoing General Fund to address projected increases in food costs for the incarcerated population resulting from recent statutory changes that require CDCR to procure 60 percent of food from within California and a change to the methodology of future food cost adjustments that incorporates the cost of statutory requirements and actual food costs.
- 8. Subsistence and Personal Care Medical Funding.** Proposes \$14.6 million General Fund in 2026-27, and \$12.2 million in 2027-28 and ongoing, to fund one-time purchases of medical supplies and adjust the Subsistence and Personal Care budget to reflect actual costs.
- 9. Medical Classification Model.** Proposes \$8.9 million General Fund and 60.6 positions in 2026-27 and ongoing to address increased medical appointments and medication administration.
- 10. CalAIM Reimbursement Adjustment.** Proposes a net-zero shift of \$11.8 million in 2026-27, and \$7.2 million in 2027-28 and ongoing, from General Fund to reimbursement authority to allow the department to collect additional pharmaceutical reimbursements tied to the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Justice Involved Initiative.
- 11. Electronic Health Record System Enhancement.** Proposes \$2.2 million General Fund in 2026-27, \$2.2 million in 2027-28, and \$4.5 million in 2028-29 and ongoing to provide resources to add artificial intelligence notetaking functionality within CDCR's electronic health record system.
- 12. Mental Health Receiver Staffing.** Proposes \$6.4 million from the Special Deposit Fund (SDF), \$5.2 million General Fund, and \$1 million Behavioral Health Services Act Funding (BHSAF), and 26 positions in 2026-27; \$39.1 million SDF, \$5.1 million General Fund, \$2.6 million BHSAF, and 26 positions in 2027-28; \$9.9 million SDF, \$26.8 million General Fund, \$2.6 million BHSAF, and 26 positions in 2028-29; and \$40.2 million General Fund in 2029-30 and ongoing to expand the use of internships and other training programs for mental health clinicians, and augment various mental health and administrative positions to promote the hiring and retention of mental health clinicians.
- 13. Mental Health Resource Teams.** Proposes \$3.6 million General Fund, \$1.2 million Behavioral Health Services Act Funding (BHSAF), and 18.9 positions in 2026-27, and \$7.3 million General Fund, \$1.2 million BHSAF, and 37.8 positions in 2027-28 and ongoing to expand the use of Resource Teams to expand the existing three teams at California State Prison Sacramento, Salinas Valley State Prison, and San Quentin Rehabilitation Center to an additional three teams in 2026-27 and three additional teams in 2027-28 for a total of nine Resource Teams statewide.
- 14. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Teams.** Proposes \$7.4 million General Fund and 36 positions in 2026-27 and ongoing to pilot the use of Crisis Intervention Teams at three prisons, two male and one female, to allow assessment of an emergency physically closer

to the source of the stressor to allow staff to address concerns that could otherwise lead to or have led to self-harm and suicidal behavior.

**15. Reception Center Processing Time Reduction.** Proposes extension of encumbrance date of a one-time \$2 million appropriation in the 2025 Budget Act from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

**16. Utilities Adjustment.** Proposes \$3.42 million ongoing General Fund increase related to increased utilities costs

**Staff Recommendation:** Hold open.

## 0690 – Office of Emergency Services

### Issue 5: May Revision Proposals

The Office of Emergency Services will provide an overview of their May Revision proposals.

#### Panel

- Office of Emergency Services
- Department of Finance
- Legislative Analyst's Office

### May Revision Proposals

1. **Southern Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) Support.** Proposes \$12.5 million General Fund and 11 permanent positions in 2026-27, \$9.1 million in 2027-28, and \$8.4 million ongoing beginning in 2028-29 to open and operate the Southern REOC.
2. **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Supplemental Funding.** Proposes \$25 million one-time General Fund to supplement funding under the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to support a variety of services for victims of crime. Includes provisional language authorizing the Office of Emergency Services to transfer and use any amount of unused administrative funding deemed unnecessary for local assistance grants instead.
3. **Nonprofit Security Grant Program.** Proposes \$40 million one-time General Fund to support the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk for violent attacks and hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or mission. Includes provisional language authorizing the Office of Emergency Services to transfer and use any amount of unused administrative funding deemed unnecessary for local assistance grants instead.
4. **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.** Proposes an increase of \$3.96 million one-time Federal Funds to the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to reflect the receipt of new federal funds.
5. **Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Updated Implementation.** Provides \$141.9 million one-time State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) to continue NG 9-1-1 deployment and transition the architecture from a regional model to a unified statewide system. The one-time funding requested will (1) begin the transition to the statewide NG 9-1-1 model, (2) maintain the services by current regional NG 9-1-1 providers, (3) update Public Safety Answering Points' (911 call centers) call handling equipment to be compliant with NG 9-1-1 standards, and (4) begin implementation of NG 9-1-1 operations in the Los Angeles region.

6. **Distributed Administration Position Authority.** Requests 3 positions ongoing for various administrative support activities to be funded with distributed administration funding generated from 2026-27 budget proposals.
7. **Operational Observer.** Requests an increase in reimbursement authority by \$5 million one-time to support the operational observer of covered utilities workload to mitigate wildfire risk and public safety power shutoff events until March 31, 2027.
8. **Increase Expenditure Authority for the State Assistance for Fire Equipment (SAFE) Act.** Requests an increase in expenditure authority by \$400,000 ongoing to support the SAFE Act program that makes surplus fire equipment available to local governments for apparatus replacement.

**Staff Recommendation:** Hold open.

## 8940 – California Military Department

### Issue 6: Non-Presentation May Revision Proposals

The Department of Finance and Legislative Analyst's Office is available for questions from the Subcommittee for any of the proposals listed below. The public may also provide public comment on any of the following proposals at the appropriate time.

#### California Military Department

1. **Capital Outlay, Military Department.** Proposes \$7,808,000 one-time for the preliminary plans phase of the Los Alamitos: Battalion Headquarters Readiness Center project. Upon project completion, the Military department will have an approximately 59,000 square foot modern facility for the 1-160th Infantry Battalion currently located at the 70-year-old Inglewood Armory. The total project cost is estimated at \$135 million, of which approximately 75 percent will be provided as federal funds and the remainder as a mix of Armory Fund and General Fund.
2. **State Active Duty Compensation Adjustment.** Proposes adjustments to align the pay of the California Military Department's State Active Duty employees to the pay and benefits of service members of similar grade in the United States Army, Air Force, and Navy as set annually by the National Defense Authorization Act as follows:
  - Item 8940-001-0001 be decreased by \$96,000
  - Item 8940-002-0001 be increased by \$1,000
  - Item 8940-001-0890 be decreased by \$303,000
  - Item 8940-001-3085 be decreased by \$9,000
3. **Taskforce Rattlesnake Salary Adjustment.** Proposes \$30,000 ongoing to align the pay of Emergency State Active Duty service members to that of service members of similar grade in the federal armed forces and proposes increase of \$1 million reimbursement authority to assist the California Military Department in recovering expenditures incurred for fire suppression activities.
4. **Critical Roof Replacement and Exterior Repairs.** Proposes \$2,760,000 one-time for deferred maintenance projects at the Inglewood, Roseville, and Santa Ana armories.
5. **Channel Islands Electrical Systems Repairs**—Due to the receipt of unanticipated federal funds in spring 2026, proposes an increase of \$4,929,000 one-time to support critical electrical system repairs at the Channel Islands Air National Guard Station and proposes provisional language to extend authority until September 30, 2027.

**Staff Recommendation:** Hold open.

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