

**SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 5**

**Agenda**

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**Part B – Public Safety, Corrections, and the Judiciary**

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## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**0250 JUDICIAL BRANCH**

**0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

### Issue 1: May Revision Overview – Judicial Branch and Department of Justice

#### Judicial Branch

The May Revision includes total funding of \$5.3 billion (\$3.3 billion General Fund) in 2026-27 for the Judicial Branch. Of this, \$3 billion is provided to support trial court operations.

- **Language Access.** The May Revision includes \$20 million Trial Court Trust Fund annually in 2026-27 and 2027-28 to address rising interpreter costs and support language access.
- **Appellate Court Security.** The May Revision includes \$1.6 million Appellate Court Trust Fund in 2026-27 through 2029-30 for appellate court security.
- **Timeline Extension for Court User Access to Lactation Rooms.** The May Revision includes statutory changes to extend the deadline for superior courts to provide court users access to lactation rooms from July 2026 to July 2029. \$20.4 million has been provided so far, which will be used to complete 126 projects. To comply with the statutory requirement, the Judicial Branch would require an estimated \$31.9 million for 92 remaining projects.
- **Courthouse Construction Reappropriations.** The May Revision proposes to reappropriate a total of \$118 million General Fund for six courthouse construction projects. This includes:
  - \$81.8 million for five projects in the acquisition stages, whose funding was originally appropriated in the Budget Act of 2022 and was reappropriated in the Budget Act of 2025.
  - \$4.6 million from the Budget Act of 2023 for the acquisition stage of another project.
  - \$31.2 million from the Budget Act of 2025 for the performance criteria phase of three of the projects (two of these reappropriations were proposed at Governor's budget).

In addition to these reappropriations, the Administration notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee that it intended to extend the liquidation period for \$38.2 million Public Buildings Construction Fund for the construction phases of two other projects that have been delayed, and requested an augmentation of \$3.1 million for one of those projects.

- **State Court Facilities Construction Fund (SCFCF) Backfill.** The May Revision includes a reduction of \$10 million General Fund in 2026-27 and 2027-28 to backfill the SCFCF, based on updated revenue estimates.
- **Equal Access Fund Administrative Rate Increase.** The May Revision contains provisional language to increase the allowable administrative cost cap in the Equal Access Fund from 2.5 to 5 percent to address the workload of the Judicial Council and the State Bar.

### **Department of Justice**

The May Revision includes total funding of approximately \$1.4 billion (\$514.2 million General Fund) to support the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2026-27.

- **Antitrust Litigation.** The May Revision includes \$14.3 million in 2026-27 declining to \$10.5 million 2029-30, evenly split between the Unfair Competition Law Fund and the Attorney General Antitrust Account, to address antitrust workload, due to declining federal involvement.
- **Legal Services Revolving Fund Ongoing Workload.** The May Revision includes \$10.8 million ongoing Legal Services Revolving Fund to allow DOJ to continue to represent other state agencies and maintain service levels.
- **Completing Organized Retail Criminal Enterprise Investigations.** The May Revision includes \$2.2 million one-time General Fund to resolve existing cases related to organized retail crimes that were started with limited-term resources provided in 2022-23.
- **Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse: Federal Grant Authority.** The May Revision includes \$16.2 million ongoing (\$4.1 million False Claims Act Fund and \$12.1 million Federal Trust Fund) to accept a federal grant award to support investigations and prosecutions related to Medi-Cal fraud and elder abuse.
- **Fingerprint System Modernization.** The May Revision includes \$4.3 million Fingerprint Fees Account in 2026-27, \$5.5 million in 2027-28, and \$1.1 million in 2028-29 and ongoing to update the fingerprint system. The current system is no longer supported by the vendor.
- **Registry of Charities and Fundraisers.** The May Revision includes \$260,000 Registry of Charities and Fundraisers Fund in 2026-27 and \$251,000 in 2027-28 and ongoing to manage infrastructure, provide technical support, and assist with other tasks related to the registry.
- **Victims of Consumer Fraud Restitution (VCFR) Fund Trailer Bill Language.** The May Revision contains statutory changes to continuously appropriate the VCFR Fund to the Attorney General. The VCFR Fund was established by AB 1366 (Maienschein),

Chapter 686, Statutes of 2023 to receive restitution intended for victims of consumer fraud, but the DOJ does not currently have authority to distribute funds out of the account.

- **Reappropriations.** The May Revision includes two reappropriations for the DOJ, including \$1.3 million for the transition to FISCAL and \$2.1 million for the DOJ to process a backlog of arrest disposition reports.
- **Recently Enacted Legislation.** The May Revision includes the following resources to implement legislation.
  - *California Uniform Antitrust Premerger Notification Act (SB 25, Umberg).* The Department of Justice requests 2.0 positions and \$320,000 Attorney General Antitrust Account Fund in 2026-27 and \$576,000 ongoing, to support the increased workload resulting from implementation of the California Uniform Antitrust Premerger Notification Act pursuant to SB 25 (Umberg), Chapter 3, Statutes of 2026. The requested resources are necessary to receive, store, review and act upon the approximately 1,000 to 2,000 merger notifications expected to be submitted to the Attorney General each year as a result of the Act.
  - *Deceptive Practices: Service Members and Veterans (SB 694).* The Department of Justice requests 1.0 position and Unfair Competition Law Fund spending authority of \$91,000 in 2026-27 and \$162,000 ongoing to implement the requirements of SB 694 (Archuleta), Chapter 1, Statutes of 2026, which expands unlawful deceptive practices related to veteran's benefits and establishes new prohibitions related to fees, credential access, and representation involving veterans' benefits.
  - *Felony Murder Resentencing (SB 775).* The Department of Justice requests \$3.9 million General Fund in 2026-27 through 2028-29 to support continued legislative workload associated with SB 775 (Becker), Chapter 551, Statutes of 2021 resentencing petitions, for which prior limited term funding has now expired.

**Staff Recommendation.** Hold Open.

**0690 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES****Issue 2: May Revision Overview – Emergency Management**

The May Revision includes total funding of \$3.2 billion (\$567.8 million General Fund) and 1,927.8 positions for Cal OES in 2026-27.

- **Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Transition.** The May Revision includes \$141.9 million one-time State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) to continue NG 9-1-1 development and transition. The funding is proposed to support a transition to a statewide system, update call handling equipment at dispatch centers, and transition the greater Los Angeles region to the new system.
- **Southern Emergency Operations Facility.** The May Revision includes \$12.5 million ongoing General Fund to staff and operate the Southern Emergency Operations facility.
- **Nonprofit Security Grant.** The May Revision includes \$40 million one-time General Fund for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which provides grants for physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations at risk of hate-motivated violence.
- **Victims of Crime Act Supplemental Funding.** The May Revision includes \$25 million one-time General Fund to supplement federal funding for victim services.
- **Other Proposals.** The May Revision also includes:
  - Three permanent positions (authority only) for various administrative support activities to be funded with distributed administration funding.
  - \$5.0 million one-time reimbursement authority to support the operational observer of covered utilities' workload to mitigate wildfire risk and public safety power shutoff events until March 31, 2027.
  - \$4.0 million one-time Federal Trust Fund authority to continue receiving federal funding for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.
  - \$400,000 in expenditure authority from the State Assistance for Fire Equipment Account to support apparatus replacement. Cal OES uses this authority to repair and refurbish state fire equipment and sell it to local fire departments throughout the state.

**Staff Recommendation.** Hold Open.

**5225 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION**  
**5227 BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

**Issue 3: May Revision Overview – Corrections**

**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

The May Revision proposes total funding of \$14.6 billion (\$14.2 billion General Fund and \$400 million other funds) for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) in 2026-27.

- Adult Institution Population.** The May Revision reflects a projected average daily adult incarcerated population of 90,126 in 2025-26 and 87,611 in 2026-27. The population is expected to decrease in the long-term, to 85,210 in June 2030. This reflects Proposition 36 (2024) impacts, which are estimated at 592 individuals in 2025-26 and 1,547 upon full implementation. The projected average daily parolee population is 33,785 in 2025-26, declining to 33,125 in 2026-27 and 31,028 by June 2030.
- Corcoran State Prison Honor Housing and Other Housing Adjustments.** The May Revision includes \$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 facility for honor housing at Corcoran State Prison. The behavioral-based housing unit will focus on normalization and dynamic security, two aspects of the California Model. The unit will have a single-cell setting and provide dedicated access to reentry support.

The cost of reactivating this unit for honor housing is proposed to be largely offset by facility adjustments at other institutions, as shown in the table of position count and funding below. The net adjustment is a reduction of \$2.4 million General Fund in 2026-27 and an increase of \$0.6 million General Fund in 2027-28 and ongoing, and a net decrease of 75 beds. The other adjustments include deactivating facilities at California State Prison, Solano and Avenal State Prison, and reactivating a facility at California Institution for Men to reduce impacts from the nearby prison closure in Norco.

<b>Institution:</b>	<b>2026-27*</b>	<b>2026-27 (in thousands)</b>	<b>2027-28*</b>	<b>2027-28 (in thousands)</b>
CIM Facility D	90.3	\$16,926	90.3	\$16,917
SOL Facility C	-104.1	-\$19,483	-104.1	-\$19,483
ASP Facility F**	-49.3	-\$9,495	-49.3	-\$9,495
COR Facility 3C	49.2	\$9,671	64.9	\$12,636
Rounding	0	-\$4	0	-\$3
<b>Total Diff.</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>-\$2,385</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>\$572</b>

\*Position authority that contains custody and non-custody

\*\* Includes the reactivation of housing units Facility B Building 220, Facility C Building 320, and Facility D Building 420.

- Operational Savings.** The 2025 Budget Act reflected savings of \$125 million in 2025-26, \$480 million in 2026-27, \$554 million in 2027-28, and \$635 million in 2028-29 and ongoing through operational improvements, to be identified with the assistance of the Boston Consulting Group. The May Revision reflects updated savings of \$20 million in 2025-26, \$42 million in 2026-27, \$82 million in 2027-28, \$100 million in 2028-29, and \$116 million in 2029-30 and ongoing from streamlining various programs and eliminating 136.8 positions. The May Revision also assumes an ongoing reduction of \$100 million General Fund beginning in 2027-28 from unspecified savings.
- Workers' Compensation.** In order to implement one aspect of the operational savings described above, the May Revision includes \$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 staffing related to workers' compensation.

The May Revision also includes \$100 million ongoing General Fund for increased workers' compensation costs. As shown in the table below, CDCR typically spends more than allocated for workers' compensation.

#### **CDCR Workers' Compensation History**

Dollars in Millions

Year	Total Authority	Total Spend
2020-21	\$365.0	\$468.5
2021-22	\$429.4	\$498.1
2022-23	\$435.8	\$541.7
2023-24	\$425.4	\$560.0
2024-25	\$445.9	\$640.7
2025-26	\$531.4	\$691.9
2026-27	\$532.6	\$726.5

- Health Care Costs.** CDCR's proposed budget includes \$4.2 billion General Fund for health care services for incarcerated individuals. This includes:
  - \$14.6 million General Fund in 2026-27 and \$12.2 million in 2027-28 and ongoing to purchase medical supplies and adjust the subsistence and personal care budget.
  - \$8.9 million General Fund and 60.6 positions in 2026-27 and ongoing for medical appointments and medication and to adjust the medical classification staffing model.
  - 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 CDCR to collect reimbursements related to the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Justice Involved Initiative.

- \$2.2 million General Fund in 2026-27 growing to \$4.5 million in 2028-29 and ongoing to pay for artificial intelligence-based medical note taking in CDCR's electronic health records.
- \$1.1 million General Fund in 2026-27 to improve access to menopause education and clinical care for aging incarcerated women.
- **Mental Health Receivership.** The May Revision includes additional resources from the Mental Health Services Deposit Fund (SDF) to support the *Coleman* Receiver and related changes and programs, and estimates that the SDF will be exhausted by 2027-28. The additional resources include:
  - \$6.4 million from the SDF, \$5.2 million General Fund, \$1 million Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) in 2026-27; \$39.1 million SDF, \$5.1 million General Fund, \$2.6 million BHSA in 2027-28; \$9.9 million SDF, \$26.8 million General Fund, \$2.6 million BHSA in 2028-29, and \$40.2 million General Fund in 2029-30 and ongoing and 26 positions to expand internships and other training programs for mental health clinicians, and support administrative positions to improve hiring and retention.
  - \$3.6 million General Fund, \$1.2 million BHSA, and 18.9 positions in 2026-27 and \$7.3 million General Fund, \$1.2 million BHSA, and 37.8 positions in 2027-28 and ongoing to expand Resource Teams from three to nine institutions, which help coordinate care and resources for high-risk, high-needs mental health patients.
  - \$7.4 million General Fund and 36 positions in 2026-27 and ongoing for Crisis Intervention Teams at three institutions.
- **Incarcerated Firefighters.** The May Revision includes two proposals to enact recently passed legislation related to incarcerated firefighters, including:
  - \$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 AB 247 (Bryan), Chapter 681, Statutes of 2025 and pay incarcerated firefighters the federal minimum wage while on an active fire incident.
  - \$391,000 General Fund in 2026-27 and \$241,000 in 2027-28 to implement SB 254 (Reyes), Chapter 746, Statutes of 2025 which requires CDCR to notify the DOJ of formerly incarcerated fire crew members who are potentially eligible for record expungement.
- **Other Adjustments.** The May Revision also includes:
  - \$10.9 million ongoing General Fund and a change in methodology to account for increased food costs for the incarcerated population. This represents an increase in

budget from \$4.61 per person per day to \$4.96 per person per day. The funding is intended to help CDCR purchase more California-grown products, as required by statute.

- \$3.6 million General Fund in 2025-26 and 2026-27 to adjust funding based on pharmaceutical rebates.
- \$3.4 million in increased utilities costs.
- Reappropriation of \$2 million from the 2025 Budget Act intended to reduce reception center processing timelines.
- **Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant.** The proposed budget contains \$132.2 million General Fund in 2026-27 to support the Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant, initially established by SB 678 (Leno), Chapter 608, Statutes of 2009, which provides incentives for counties to reduce the number of felony probationers sent to state prison.

### **Board of State and Community Corrections**

The May Revision includes the following proposals for the Board of State and Community Corrections.

- **Proposition 47 State Savings.** The Administration estimates net savings of \$89.1 million General Fund in 2026-27 associated with Proposition 47, the Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative (2014).
- **Vertical Prosecution Grant to Combat Human Trafficking.** The May Revision includes \$10 million one-time General Fund for a grant to support vertical prosecutions to prevent human trafficking.
- **Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Grant Program.** The May Revision includes \$10 million one-time General Fund for the MMIP Grant Program.

**Staff Recommendation.** Hold Open.