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March 18, 2016

Hon. Carol Liu
Senate Human Services Committee
State Capitol, Room 5097
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1056 (Liu), as introduced - Support

Dear Senator Liu:

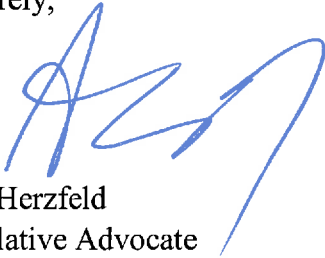
The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1056, and thanks you for your leadership on this important issue. The bill requires a court to consider if a parent is in substantial compliance with a reunification plan in deciding whether to return a dependent child to the care and custody of his or her parent. If a parent is only lacking adequate housing, SB 1056 would allow the court to issue an order that a child should be returned to the care and custody within five days of the parent securing adequate housing. Other sections of the bill direct county agencies to provide housing support and information to parents in these circumstances, with the goal of assisting them in securing housing and regaining custody.

The council believes that the bill supports the overall purpose of the dependency system, which has at its core the goal of reuniting parents and children in stable, supportive homes. Allowing courts to issue such a flexible order will help return children to the care of their parents as soon as possible, while at the same time removing the need for additional court hearings. This represents an efficient, effective means of successfully removing families from the dependency system, while making sure that California's are adequately cared for.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports SB 1056.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Herzfeld', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

Alan Herzfeld
Legislative Advocate

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cc: Mr. Kenneth Krekorian, Executive Director, Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers
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Hon. Mike McGuire, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1056 (Liu), as introduced - Support
Hearing: Senate Human Services Committee – March 29, 2016

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1056, which requires a court to consider if a parent is in substantial compliance with a reunification plan in deciding whether to return a dependent child to the care and custody of his or her parent. If a parent is only lacking adequate housing, SB 1056 would allow the court to issue an order that a child should be returned to the care and custody within five days of the parent securing adequate housing. Other sections of the bill direct county agencies to provide housing support and information to parents in these circumstances, with the goal of assisting them in securing housing and regaining custody.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Alan Herzfeld at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,



Cory T. Jaspersen
Director, Governmental Affairs

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April 7, 2016

Hon. Hannah-Beth Jackson, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: SB 1056 (Liu), as introduced - Support
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – April 12, 2016

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support SB 1056, which requires a court to consider if a parent is in substantial compliance with a reunification plan in deciding whether to return a dependent child to the care and custody of his or her parent. If a parent is only lacking adequate housing, SB 1056 would allow the court to issue an order that a child should be returned to the care and custody within five days of the parent securing adequate housing. Other sections of the bill direct county agencies to provide housing support and information to parents in these circumstances, with the goal of assisting them in securing housing and regaining custody.

The council believes that the bill supports the overall purpose of the dependency system, which has at its core the goal of reuniting parents and children in stable, supportive homes. Allowing courts to issue such a flexible order will help return children to the care of their parents as soon as possible, while at the same time removing the need for additional court hearings. This represents an efficient, effective means of successfully removing families from the dependency system, while making sure that children are promptly reunified with their families if adequate housing is the sole remaining barrier.

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April 7, 2016

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports SB 1056.

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