



**Judicial Council of California**  
Legislation Committee

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**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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WITH CLOSED SESSION**

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**Date:** Thursday, September 18, 2025  
**Time:** 4:30 P.M.  
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**I. OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

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**II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(1))**

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**III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–2)**

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**Item 1**

**PROPOSALS FOR JUDICIAL COUNCIL-SPONSORED LEGISLATION (ACTION REQUIRED)**

- a) The below agenda item is removed from this meeting to allow for additional time to consider the comments and may be addressed at a later date.

**~~Proposal for Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation: Appointment of Non-Court Certified American Sign Language Interpreters with Generalist Credentials (Action Required)~~**

~~The Court Interpreters Advisory Panel recommends that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation amending Evidence Code section 754 to allow courts, for good cause, to appoint American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters who possess a generalist ASL credential and satisfy training, education, and experience requirements approved by the Judicial Council, under a provisional qualification process similar to that for spoken language court interpreters. These amendments seek to address the limited availability of certified ASL court interpreters while ensuring continued language access for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. The proposal also includes revisions to statutory language to modernize terminology and clarify the Judicial Council's role in maintaining a roster of qualified interpreters.~~

~~Presenter(s): Russell McGregor, Senior Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts  
Eunice Lee, Supervising Analyst, Center for Families, Children & the Courts~~

- b) **Proposal for Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation: Alternative Methods for Family Courts to Give Notice of Child Custody Mediation (Action Required)**

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to amend Family Code section 3176 to allow for alternative methods for the court to give notice to the parties about child custody mediation and require specific content in the notice for cases involving domestic violence. The proposal originates from a group of Family Court Services directors across the state seeking to modernize the procedures for providing notice of child custody mediation by more cost-effective methods, including electronic delivery.

Presenter(s): Tracy Kenny, Supervising Attorney, Governmental Affairs  
Gabrielle Selden, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

- c) **Proposal for Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation: Amendments to Collections-related Statutes (Action Required)**

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee proposes amendments to court collections related statutes. The amendments clarify responsibilities for performing authorized collection activities and are intended to improve compliance with collections reporting requirements. The proposed amendments to Government Code section 68514 would change the existing requirement to report by collection activity to instead require reporting by collection entity. The proposed amendments to Penal Code section 1463.007 are primarily technical amendments that will help clarify collection requirements and to update terminology to reflect current practices.

Presenter(s): Jason Haas, Fiscal Supervisor, Budget Services  
Donna Newman, Manager, Budget Services

**Item 2**

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (ACTION REQUIRED)**

Each year, the Judicial Council adopts legislative priorities to further key council objectives in the upcoming legislative year. The Legislation Committee recommends that the Judicial Council consider an approach similar to last year's for the 2026 legislative year: continued stable and reliable funding to address increased costs, continued advancement of remote access to the courts while balancing due process, funding for judgeships statewide and judicial officers in counties with the greatest need, availability of verbatim records of court proceedings, operational efficiencies in the courts, and increased security resources to safeguard personnel, the public, and court systems from physical, online, and cyber threats.

Presenter(s): Cory Jasperson, Director, Governmental Affairs

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Adjourn to Closed Session**

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**V. CLOSED SESSION (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(D))**

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**Approval of Minutes**

- August 14, 2025

**Adjourn Closed Session**