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Ms. Erika Contreras
Secretary of the Senate
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Ms. Sue Parker
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Sacramento, California 95814

Re: *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures,* as required under Government Code section 69894.2

Dear Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Contreras, and Ms. Parker:

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is submitting this mandated report on *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures,* outlining how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended.

The Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature by March 1 of each year, regarding how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended, including but not limited to funds appropriated through the passages of the Budget Acts of 2022 and 2025, to assist the superior courts in providing lactation rooms in compliance with Government Code section 69894.

A total of 128 lactation room projects are planned for completion with the expenditure of all $15 million in funds previously appropriated by the

Legislature through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022 and $5.4 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2025. All $20.4 million in funds will be fully expended by June 30, 2028.

As of December 31, 2025, progress toward completion of these 128 planned lactation room projects is as follows:

- 50 projects have been completed at an average cost of $106,700;
- 26 projects are in planning; and
- 52 projects are in design or construction:
    - 24 are lactation pod installations at an average cost of $140,100; and
    - 28 are alterations to existing space at an average cost of $139,900.

Additional funding is needed to address the remaining, assessed need for lactation rooms in superior court facilities statewide for compliance with Government Code section 69894. This need equates to a total of 92 additional lactation room projects statewide. To address this need, an additional $31.9 million, including costs for anticipated path of travel and accessibility upgrades required at the court facilities, is required to complete the remaining 92 projects as they involve more complex facility modifications to create a lactation room within these courthouses. Taking into account the 128 funded projects described above and the 92 projects that are unfunded, there will be a total of 220 courthouse lactation room projects statewide.

The superior courts will be in full compliance with Government Code section 69894 by June 30, 2030, assuming $31.9 million described above is appropriated by the Legislature over two fiscal years as follows: $16.3 million in fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 and $15.6 million in FY 2027–28. If the $39.1 million is not appropriated over these fiscal years, the Judicial Council will request funding in FY 2027–28 and FY 2028–29 to be in full compliance by June 30, 2031.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Peggy Symons, principal manager, Facilities Services, at 916-643-8009 or peggy.symons@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Report title: *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*

Statutory citation: Government Code section 69894.2

Date of report: February 20, 2026

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with Government Code section 69894.2.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

The Judicial Council has reported on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended, including but not limited to funds appropriated through the passages of the Budget Acts of 2022 and 2025, to assist the superior courts in providing lactation rooms in compliance with Government Code section 69894.

A total of 128 lactation room projects are planned for completion with the expenditure of all $15 million in funds previously appropriated by the Legislature through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022 and $5.4 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2025. All $20.4 million in funds will be fully expended by June 30, 2028.

For the superior courts to be in full compliance with Government Code section 69894 by June 30, 2030, funding for an additional 92 lactation rooms is required over two fiscal years: $16.3 million in fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 and $15.6 million in FY 2027–28. If this funding is not appropriated, the Judicial Council will request funding in FY 2027–28 and FY 2028–29 for full compliance by June 30, 2031. Taking into account the 128 funded projects and the 92 unfunded projects, there will be a total of 220 courthouse lactation room projects statewide.

The full report can be accessed at *courts.ca.gov/7466.htm*.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by contacting Facilities Services at 888-225-3583 or facilities@jud.ca.gov.