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Executive Summary

The Legislation Committee represents the Judicial Council's position with other agencies and entities, such as the Legislature, the Governor's Office, the State Bar of California, local government, local bar associations, and other court-related professional associations. The committee determines positions consistent with the council's policy goals and oversees advocacy for those positions. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's July 21, 2023, business meeting.

2023–2024 Legislative Session

With the September 14 end to the first year of the 2023–2024 Legislative session, the meeting schedule for the Legislation Committee has been busy.

The Legislation Committee's primary focus during this time has been continuing to provide input and take positions on legislation.

Governmental Affairs staff are currently tracking 836 bills and have provided technical drafting assistance on over 100 bills so far during the first year of the 2023–2024 Legislative Session.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Legislation Committee met twice by video since the July council meeting—once in August, and once in September (to be determined), taking positions on behalf of the Judicial Council. Further, the Legislation Committee has taken formal positions on **34** bills in total this year.

At the committee's August 31 meeting, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bills:

- AB 600 (Ting)—Criminal procedure: resentencing. (Neutral as proposed to be amended; opposed unless amended as currently in print.)
- AB 1118 (Katra)—Criminal procedure: discrimination. (Neutral if amended.)
- AB 1584 (Weber)—Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial. (Neutral as proposed to be amended.)
- SB 97 (Wiener)—Criminal procedure: writ of habeas corpus. (Neutral as proposed to be amended; Oppose unless amended as currently in print.)
- SB 717 (Stern)—County mental health services. (Neutral as proposed to be amended; Oppose unless amended as in print.)
- AB 945 (Reyes)—Criminal procedure: expungement of records. (Oppose unless funded and amended, as written, and as proposed to be amended.)
- SB 94 (Cortese), as amended June 20, 2023, Recall and resentencing: special circumstances. (Neutral.)

Key Deadlines

The deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills is October 14.

On September 18, the committee will hold its annual in-person meeting and orientation for new Legislation Committee members.

Membership

The Legislation Committee welcomes new members Judge Alin D. Cintean and Ms. Kate Bieker; former member Mr. David P. Fu; and returning members Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz, vice-chair; Judge Jonathan B. Conklin; Judge Judith K. Dulcich; and Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson.

For further information on any of the bills the Legislation Committee has taken a position on, please refer to the Governmental Affairs Status Chart, www.courts.ca.gov/4121.htm#legcharts.

Position and fiscal letters on legislation are available on the Governmental Affairs webpage, www.courts.ca.gov/position-letters.htm, which is a valuable resource throughout the legislative year.