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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, local government, statewide and local bar associations, and other court-related professional associations and stakeholders. 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 November 17, 2023, business meeting.

2023–2024 Legislative Session

The first year of the 2023–2024 Legislative session ended September 14, 2023.

Governmental Affairs staff are currently tracking over 1,693 bills and have provided technical drafting assistance on over 50 bills so far in the second year of the 2023–2024 Legislative Session.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the beginning of the 2024 Legislative session, the Legislation Committee has met by video six times (unless noted otherwise) for the following meetings:

- January 4 (Action by Email)
- March 21 (Action by Email)
- March 28
- April 4
- April 11 (Action by Email)
- April 25
- May 23
- June 6
- June 20

In addition, the Legislation Committee has taken formal positions on behalf of the Judicial Council on 22 bills in total this year.

On January 4, the committee reviewed and voted by email on the following bill:

- [Senate Bill 92](#) (Umberg), as amended January 3, 2024, Courts: remote proceedings for criminal cases. (Support)

On March 21, the committee reviewed and voted by email on the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 1785](#) (Pacheco), as introduced, California Public Records Act. (Support)
- [Assembly Bill 1846](#) (Bauer-Kahan), as introduced, Judicial officers: training: sexual abuse and assault. (Oppose)
- [Assembly Bill 2055](#) (Reyes) as introduced, Criminal procedure: expungement of records. (Oppose unless funded and amended)

At the committee's March 28 meeting, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 2049](#) (Pacheco), as introduced, Motions for summary judgment: filing deadlines. (Support)
- [Assembly Bill 2929](#) (Juan Carrillo), as introduced, Dependents: family finding. (Support)
- [Assembly Bill 2125](#) (Garcia), as amended March 6, 2024, Judicial officers: disqualification. (Oppose)
- [Senate Bill 1005](#) (Ashby), as amended March 19, 2024, Juveniles. (No position)

At the committee's April 4 meeting, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bills:

- [Senate Bill 949](#) (Blakespear), as amended March 5, 2024, Superior court: lactation accommodation. (Support)
- [Senate Bill 1141](#) (Niello), as introduced, Mediation: amount in controversy. (Support)
- [Assembly Bill 2988](#) (McCarty), as introduced, Courts. (Sponsor)
- [Assembly Bill 3282](#) (Committee on Judiciary), as introduced, Courts: sale of property. (Sponsor)

On April 11, the committee reviewed and voted by email on the following bills:

- [Assembly Bill 2940](#) (Muratsuchi), as introduced, California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects: transmission projects. (Oppose)

- [Assembly Bill 3265](#) (Bryan), as introduced, California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership media campus projects: judicial streamlining. (Oppose)
- [Senate Bill 1342](#) (Atkins), as introduced, California Environmental Quality Act: infrastructure projects: County of San Diego. (Oppose)

At the committee’s April 25 meeting, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bill:

- [Senate Bill 1025](#) (Eggman), as amended March 21, 2024, Pretrial diversion for veterans. (No position)

At the committee’s May 23 meeting, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bills:

- Assembly Bill 2281 (Soria), as introduced, Tribal judges. (Support)
- Assembly Bill 2283 (Pacheco), as amended May 2, 2024, Civil actions: electronic service. (Sponsor)
- Assembly Bill 3049 (Bryan), as amended April 17, 2024, Dependency: court hearings. (Oppose unless amended)

At the committee’s June 6 meeting, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bill:

- Assembly Bill 2125 (Garcia), as amended May 16, 2024, Judicial officers: disqualification. (Remove opposition)

At the committee’s June 20 meeting, the committee reviewed and voted on the following bills:

- Assembly Bill 2347 (Kalra), as amended May 21, 2024, Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: procedural requirements. (Oppose unless amended)
- Assembly Bill 3196 (Stephanie Nguyen), as amended April 11, 2024, Summary proceedings for obtaining possession of real property: demurrers. (Oppose unless amended)

Key Deadlines

The last day for the Legislature to pass bills is August 31, 2024.

The deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills is September 30, 2024.

Membership

The Legislation Committee welcomed new members Presiding Judge Maureen F. Hallahan and Presiding Judge Maria D. Hernandez and returning members Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz as vice-chair, Ms. Kate Bieker, Judge Jonathan B. Conklin, Judge Judith K. Dulcich, Mr. David D. Fu, and Ms. Gretchen M. Nelson.

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

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