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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 decisions and oversees advocacy for those positions. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the May 15 Judicial Council meeting and has met by telephone four times since that time.

Overview of Committee Meetings

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

On May 21, the Legislation Committee acted to support AB 2038, section 1, related to traffic and SB 854 dealing with mental health services. The committee also acted to oppose SB 939 relating to the eviction of tenants of commercial real property, during the pendency of the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, related to COVID-19.

At its June 4 meeting, the committee voted to support SB 855, dealing with health coverage for mental health or substance abuse disorders.

On June 18, the Legislation Committee revisited AB 1667, dealing with electronic wills and took an oppose unless amended position.

At its July 9 meeting, the committee removed its opposition to AB 2271 related to unlawful detainer cases and voted to oppose SB 995, dealing with CEQA/environmental review cases related to housing projects. Additionally, the committee acted to support SB 1146, related to electronic filings and remote depositions and reviewed AB 3070 dealing with peremptory challenges. While the committee did not take a position on AB 3070, it did approve providing technical feedback at the request of the Author and Assembly Leadership, with further recommendations to the Legislation Committee after discussions with Author.

The Legislature is in Summer Recess and is scheduled to return on Monday, July 27, 2020. Also, the last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees is July 31, 2020.

Finally, two of our Judicial Council–sponsored proposals continue to move through the legislative process, AB 2165 dealing with electronic filing and AB 2617, related to gun violence restraining orders.

I will keep you informed of the progress of the council–sponsored legislation and other bills of interest to the Judicial Branch.

For further information on any of the bills the Legislation Committee has taken a position on, Governmental Affairs maintains a Status Chart showing the status and can be found at: <https://www.courts.ca.gov/4121.htm#legcharts>.