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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 26-027

For business meeting on February 20, 2026

Title

Report to the Legislature: *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Recommended by

Michelle Curran, Administrative Director
Judicial Council

Report Type

Action Required

Effective Date

February 20, 2026

Date of Report

January 14, 2026

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Executive Summary

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature by March 1 of each year on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature for superior court lactation rooms have been expended. To date, a total of 128 lactation room projects are planned for completion with the expenditure of all \$20.4 million in funds previously appropriated by the Legislature: \$15 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022 and \$5.4 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2025. Judicial Council staff recommends the Judicial Council approve the report to the Legislature.

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommends that the Judicial Council, effective February 20, 2026, approve the *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures* (see Attachment A) and direct staff to submit it to the Legislature.

Relevant Previous Council Action

On February 21, 2025, the council approved the initial report to the Legislature (see Link A).

Analysis/Rationale

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature by March 1 of each year on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended, including but not limited to funds appropriated through the passage of the Budget Act of 2022, to assist the superior courts in providing lactation rooms in compliance with Government Code section 69894.

Government Code section 69894 states that “the superior court shall provide any court user access to a lactation room in any courthouse in which a lactation room is also provided to court employees,” and that room “shall be located within the court facility in an area that is accessible to the public or in any location that is reasonably accessible to the public using the court facility.” (Gov. Code, § 69894(a).) It also states that “the superior court shall use the most cost effective means possible to construct or renovate lactation rooms in courthouses, including by installing portable lactation rooms where appropriate, due to operational, financial, or space limitations.” (Gov. Code, § 69894(b).)

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.

As described below, to meet the requirements of Government Code section 69894, funding for an additional 92 lactation rooms is required. The additional rooms will involve more complex facility modifications to construct within existing spaces and therefore require higher than average costs.

Policy implications

None.

Comments

Public comments were not solicited for this proposal because the recommendation is within the Judicial Council’s purview to approve without circulation.

Alternatives considered

No alternatives to the recommended action were considered, as this reporting requirement is mandated by statute and required annually since 2025 until either the superior courts fully comply with Government Code section 69894 or all funds previously appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of compliance with Government Code section 69894 are expended.

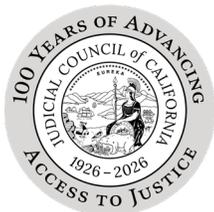
Fiscal and Operational Impacts

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 the \$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.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*
2. Link A: *Report to the Legislature: Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures* (Feb. 14, 2025),
<https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=13773849&GUID=DACD684F-17D6-495B-914B-6F9088077D36>



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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.

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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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