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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 January 22, 2021 Judicial Council meeting and has met by telephone once since that time.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the February 19, 2021, deadline for introduction of bills, Governmental Affairs staff have been reviewing over 961 bills to identify those of interest to, and that impact the judicial branch.

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

On March 4, 2021, the Legislation Committee acted on the following bills:

- [SB 7 \(Atkins\)](#) – Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021: Oppose

- [SB 44 \(Allen\)](#) – California Environmental Quality Act: streamlined judicial review: environmental leadership transit projects: Oppose unless amended
- [SB 71 \(McGuire\)](#) – Infractions: community service: education programs : Support

At this same meeting, the committee reviewed and approved language on Judicial Council–sponsored bill, [AB 855 \(Ramos\)](#) – Judicial holidays.

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: www.courts.ca.gov/4121.htm#legcharts. Position and fiscal letters on legislation are available on the Governmental Affairs web page and is a valuable resource throughout the legislative year. Key legislative issues will be presented at future council meetings.