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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 25-029

For business meeting on February 21, 2025

Title

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

Report Type

Action Required

Effective Date

February 21, 2025

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected

None

Date of Report

February 14, 2025

Recommended by

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Executive Summary

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature before March 1, 2025, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature for superior court lactation rooms have been expended. To date, a total of 103 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. Judicial Council staff recommends the Judicial Council approve the report to submit it to the Legislature.

Recommendation

Judicial Council staff recommends that the Judicial Council, effective February 21, 2025, 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

The council has taken no previous action as this proposal is the first report to the Legislature to meet the reporting requirement under Government Code section 69894.2.

Analysis/Rationale

Under Government Code section 69894.2, the Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2025, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, 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 103 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. All \$15 million in funds will be fully expended by June 30, 2026.

As of December 31, 2024, progress toward completion of these 103 planned lactation room projects is as follows:

- 32 projects have been completed at an average cost of \$109,700; and
- 71 projects are in design or construction:
 - 35 are lactation pod installations at an average cost of \$138,200; and
 - 36 are alterations to existing space at an average cost of \$142,000.

As described below, additional funding is required to address the remaining, assessed need for lactation rooms in superior court facilities statewide—which equates to 154 additional lactation room projects—for compliance with Government Code section 69894. In comparison to projects completed or in design or construction, these projects involve more complex facility modifications to create a lactation room, and therefore, their average cost is higher.

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 starting in 2025, it is required annually 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 154 additional lactation room projects statewide. To address this need, the proposed Governor’s Budget for fiscal year 2025–26 includes \$5.4 million to complete 22 of those projects, and an additional \$50.5 million, including costs for anticipated path of travel and accessibility upgrades required at the court facilities, is required to complete the remaining 132 projects as they involve more complex facility modifications to create a lactation room within these courthouses. Once these 154 projects are funded, and in addition to the 103 funded projects described above, there will be a total of 257 funded projects statewide.

The superior courts will be in full compliance with Government Code section 69894 by June 30, 2029, assuming funding is appropriated by the Legislature as described above—\$5.4 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2025, and \$50.5 million through the passage of the Budget Act of 2026.

Attachments and Links

1. Attachment A: *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*



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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 *Superior Court Lactation Rooms Funding and Expenditures*, a report on how funds previously appropriated by the Legislature have been expended.

The Judicial Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2025, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, regarding 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.

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If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Jagan Singh, principal manager, Facilities Services, at 415-865-7755 or jagandeep.singh@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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