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Title

Report to the Legislature | Pretrial Pilot Program (Action Required)

Summary

The Budget Act of 2019 earmarked \$75 million to the Judicial Council to launch and evaluate two-year pretrial projects in local trial courts. As directed by the Legislature, the projects aim to increase the safe and efficient release of arrestees before trial; use the least restrictive monitoring practices possible while protecting public safety and ensuring court appearances; validate and expand the use of risk assessment tools; and assess any bias.

Judicial Council staff in Criminal Justice Services recommend that the Judicial Council receive *Pretrial Pilot Program: Report to the Legislature* (July 2020) and direct the Administrative Director to submit this report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance. The Budget Act of 2019 mandates that this report be submitted each January and July through 2021. This is the second legislative report on the Judicial Council's Pretrial Pilot Program and documents the activities of pilot courts and Judicial Council administration of the program carried out between January and July 2020.

Recommendation

Criminal Justice Services staff recommend that the Judicial Council, effective July 24, 2020:

1. Receive *Pretrial Pilot Program: Report to the Legislature* (July 2020); and
2. Direct the Administrative Director to submit this report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance.