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Assembly Chamber, Sacramento
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Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 59, the following Assembly Journal for the 2023–24 Regular Session was printed while the Assembly was in Summer Recess.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

August 1, 2024

Sue Parker

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have made the following temporary appointments to Budget Subcommittee No. 7 on Accountability and Oversight, chaired by Assembly Member Avelino Valencia, for the Wednesday, August 7 hearing related to Greater Efficiencies in Government Operations:

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel
Assemblymember Gregg Hart
Assemblymember Devon Mathis
Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva
Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
Assemblymember Tri Ta

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

By unanimous consent, the following committees were permitted to meet:

Assembly Committee on Emergency Management, to convene jointly with the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management and the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization, on Monday, August 5, 2024, upon adjournment of Floor Session, at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee, to convene jointly with the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 444;

Assembly Health Committee, to convene jointly with the Senate Committee on Health, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Assembly Insurance Committee, on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles;

Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee, on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1 p.m., in Room 444;

Joint Legislative Audit Committee, to convene jointly with the Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Senate Committee on Education, on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 437;

Select Committee on Biotechnology, to convene jointly with the Select Committee on Green Innovation and Entrepreneurship, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 10 a.m., in Room 447;

Select Committee on Building a Zero-Carbon Hydrogen Economy, on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 3 p.m., in Room 447;

Select Committee on Downtown Recovery, on Friday, August 16, 2024, at 10 a.m., at the Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave., San Diego;

Select Committee on Fentanyl, Opioid Addiction, and Overdose Prevention, on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 10 a.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1100;

Select Committee on Happiness and Public Policy Outcomes, on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 444;

Select Committee on Mental Health Accessibility within Non-English Speaking Communities, on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 10 a.m., in Room 447;

Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, to convene jointly with the Senate Select Committee on the Nonprofit Sector, on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 3 p.m., at 1021 O Street, Room 1200.

REPORTS

The following letter of transmittal was presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

California State Auditor

2023-107
July 25, 2024

*The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Members of the Assembly
of the Legislature of California
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

Members of the Assembly: As directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, my office conducted an audit of the effects of Proposition 47 in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Our assessment focused on a selection of three law enforcement agencies from the two counties and a review of two statistically valid samples of individuals convicted of offenses that were later reclassified by Proposition 47 offenses—one from 2011 and one from 2016. Our statistical analyses were limited to the jurisdictions of these three law enforcement agencies.

We reviewed three indicators—public calls for service, law enforcement response times, and arrests—to assess the impact that Proposition 47 had on San Bernardino and Riverside counties. We did not identify any conclusive trends in calls for service or response times. However, we found that all three agencies arrested fewer individuals for Proposition 47 offenses—between 30 percent and 67 percent fewer—in the period following the implementation of the proposition.

An analysis of our samples indicates that rates of recidivism—conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within three years of a previous conviction—in the two counties generally decreased after the implementation of Proposition 47. However, the number of individuals who were convicted four or more times increased by 12 percentage points. In addition, theft convictions among those who reoffended four or more times increased by 14 percentage points after the implementation of Proposition 47. The law enforcement agencies we reviewed asserted that reduced sentences are driving the increase in individuals committing multiple offenses in general and multiple theft offenses in particular.

We also found that Proposition 47 is likely fulfilling one of its intended purposes by contributing to reducing the length of incarceration for those who have committed certain nonviolent crimes. An analysis of our samples shows that the average sentence length for Proposition 47 offenses decreased by more than 40 percent after the proposition's implementation. We recommend that the Legislature consider the adoption of either or both of the following policy mechanisms: appropriating additional funds for services that eliminate the root causes of recidivism or increasing penalties for individuals who are convicted of four or more repeat offenses.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANT PARKS
California State Auditor

Above report referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following veto messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal, and Assembly Bills Nos. 2570, 2708, and 1272 ordered to the unfinished business file:

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2570

Governor's Office, Sacramento
July 15, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2570 without my signature. This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct an annual evaluation of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP) and include that information in the Department's annual report.

I support increasing transparency and accountability for cities and counties' use of state funding to address homelessness. Earlier this year, I directed California's Housing Accountability Unit to increase its oversight and enforcement of existing housing laws to address homelessness. Additionally, the recently adopted 2024 Budget includes statutory language that requires more frequent reporting by HHAP grantees on their expenditures, corrective action plans for grantees not meeting specified performance measures, and maintenance of compliant Housing Elements prior to receiving additional HHAP funding.

This bill is redundant to these efforts and creates an unnecessary ongoing workload for the Department without providing additional accountability or transparency to taxpayers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 2708

Governor's Office, Sacramento
July 15, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2708 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Technology (CDT) to annually report new specified information about the cost and estimated completion date of the Middle Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI).

My Administration values its continued partnership with the Legislature to develop the largest open-access and publicly-owned broadband middle-mile network in the country. Investments in future-proof infrastructure, such as the MMBI, will further enable high-speed broadband service access to all Californians. The recently adopted 2024–25 Budget augmented funding for the MMBI and codified new and additional oversight and reporting requirements on CDT for the development and operation of the MMBI. This bill is redundant to these efforts and creates an unnecessary ongoing workload for CDT without providing additional accountability or transparency to taxpayers.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 15th day of July, 2024 at 2:40 p.m., of the following Assembly Bills without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jasmine Valle.

AB 2570

AB 2708

HUGH R. SLAYDEN

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1272

Governor's Office, Sacramento
July 18, 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1272 without my signature.

The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to adopt principles and guidelines for diversion and use of water in certain coastal watersheds during times of water shortage for drought preparedness and climate resiliency.

While I support efforts to protect coastal watersheds from the extreme dry conditions exacerbated by climate change, this bill creates significant, ongoing costs in the millions of dollars that should be considered in the annual budget process.

In partnership with the Legislature, we enacted a budget that closes a \$46.8 billion deficit in 2024–25 and a projected deficit of \$27.3 billion in 2025–26 through balanced solutions that avoided deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Receipt

I acknowledge receipt this 18th day of July, 2024 at 3:25 p.m., of the following Assembly Bill without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Jasmine Valle.

AB 1272

SUE PARKER
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT REPORTS

Assembly Chamber, July 18, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 126
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 166
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 192
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 196
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 202
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 207
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 208
- Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10
- Assembly Joint Resolution No. 13

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Secretary of State on the 18th day of July, 2024, at 3 p.m.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

Assembly Chamber, July 18, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to your instructions, the Chief Clerk has examined:

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| Assembly Bill No. 295 | Assembly Bill No. 2197 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1272 | Assembly Bill No. 2283 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1796 | Assembly Bill No. 2367 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1854 | Assembly Bill No. 2521 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1929 | Assembly Bill No. 2771 |
| Assembly Bill No. 1982 | Assembly Bill No. 2813 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2011 | Assembly Bill No. 2841 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2157 | Assembly Bill No. 2908 |
| Assembly Bill No. 2173 | |

And reports the same correctly enrolled, and presented to the Governor on the 18th day of July, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

SUE PARKER, Chief Clerk

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