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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator Scott Wiener, Chair  
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<b>Bill No:</b>	AB 136	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	June 25, 2025
<b>Author:</b>	Committee on Budget		
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<b>Urgency:</b>	Yes	<b>Fiscal:</b>	Yes
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**Subject:** Courts

**Summary:** This bill, as part of the 2025-26 Budget package, makes the following statutory changes:

- 1) Streamlines various requirements for the courts to report to the Legislature, including:
  - a. Codifies existing annual reporting on trial court operations and metrics, first required in the Budget Act of 2022.
  - b. Eliminates the following three annual reports:
    - i. *Standards of Timely Disposition*
    - ii. *Standards and Measures That Promote the Fair and Efficient Administration of Justice*
    - iii. *State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund Expenditures*
  - c. Changes the due date of the report on *Allocations and Reimbursements to the Trial Courts* from September 30 to February 1.
  - d. Clarifies that the Judicial Council only must submit *Cash-Flow Loans Made to Trial Courts* report if a loan is actually made during the covered time frame.
- 2) Repeals the jury duty pilot related to compensation and mileage reimbursement that was established pursuant to AB 1981 (Lee), Chapter 326, Statutes of 2022.
- 3) Authorizes the Judicial Council to sell four surplus properties, as specified, with proceeds deposited into the General Fund.
- 4) Appropriates \$4.7 million General Fund to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund to provide a one-time backfill.

**Fiscal Effect:** The provisions of this bill are necessary to implement the requirements of the 2025-26 Budget.

**Support:** None on file.

**Opposed:** None on file.

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