
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator Scott Wiener, Chair
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Bill No:	AB 136	Hearing Date:	June 25, 2025
Author:	Committee on Budget		
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Urgency:	Yes	Fiscal:	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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