

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 199 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

As Amended June 26, 2022

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriations Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

This Courts trailer bill includes provisions related to courts and judicial processes required to implement the 2022 Budget Act.

Major Provisions

- 1) Provides technical changes and clarifications related to the Judicial Council's online ability to pay tool, including specifying that trials conducted under the specified provisions are to be conducted by declaration through the online tool.
- 2) Requires the Director of Finance to finalize the methodology for determining county allocations per Chapter 257, Statutes of 2021, related to the elimination of certain criminal administrative fee and prohibits privately operated programs from imposing application or administrative fees related to work furlough and electronic home detention programs, consistent with the prohibition for publicly operated programs.
- 3) Reduces the civil assessment fee from \$300 to \$100 and provides sufficient backfill to account for the reduction in the fee and redirects civil assessment fee revenue to the General Fund.
- 4) Extends remote court hearings until January 1, 2024 with specified limitations, including but not limited to, requiring consent of the court user or defendant and limiting remote hearings to noncritical portions of a felony trial.
- 5) Expands eligibility for civil filing fees by increasing the poverty threshold eligibility from 125% to 200% and also includes eligibility for recipients of the California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children and people who receive unemployment compensation.

COMMENTS**According to the Author****Arguments in Support**

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill appropriates \$10 million to eliminate civil assessment related back debt.

VOTES**SENATE FLOOR: 29-8-2**

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Becker, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Glazer, Gonzalez, Hertzberg, Hueso, Hurtado, Laird, Leyva, McGuire, Min, Newman, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Stern, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener

NO: Bates, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Melendez, Nielsen, Ochoa Bogh, Wilk

ABS, ABST OR NV: Borgeas, Limón

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