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Hon. Ricardo Lara, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 720 (Eggman), as amended July 13, 2017 – Fiscal Impact
Statement

Dear Senator Lara:

AB 720 would add presentenced inmates to the list of sentenced inmates who would be subject to the involuntary administration of psychotropic medications. The bill would also add periodic reviews to presentenced detained inmates who remain in custody and continue to be involuntarily administered psychotropic medications pending sentencing.

According to the State Department of Health Care Services, in a report of data for fiscal year ending 2014–15, local jails provided mental health outpatient services to 103,490 detained individuals. Not all or even most of these individuals would be subject to involuntary medication orders, but certainly some portion of these detainees would be. The Judicial Council cannot predict the number of presentenced detainees who would be subject to involuntary medication orders, so a range is presented for your consideration.

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Percent of est. 103,490 presentenced inmates	Number of presentenced inmates	1 one-hour initial hearing plus three 15-minute reviews (1.75 hours)	Hourly cost of court = \$876
2%	2,070	3623 hours	\$3,173,748
5%	5,175	9056 hours	\$7,933,056
10%	10,349	18,111 hours	\$15,865,236

To understand this chart, if just 2 percent of the presentenced detainees were involuntarily administered psychotropic medications, that would be 2,070 individuals. Assuming an initial hearing of one hour followed by three 15-minute review hearings while the detained individual awaits sentencing, there would be a total of 1.75 hours in court hearings per detainee. At \$876 per hour in court time, including the cost of the judicial officer, court clerks and staff, benefits, security, infrastructure, operating expenses and equipment, the cost to the courts would be \$3.2 million annually.

The information provided here is intended for the purposes of fiscal analysis and impact only, and does not reflect a position in favor of or against AB 720. Please contact Andi Liebenbaum at 916-323-3121 if you have questions about the information contained in this letter.

Sincerely,

Sent by mail on August 29, 2017

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