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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, March 21, 2013 the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on bail schedules and pre-trial diversion services. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The Little Hoover Commission is examining California's use of commercial bail and pre-trial diversion services at county jails as part of the Commission's ongoing look at public safety realignment initiated in 2011. The combination of large pre-trial populations and new offenders who previously would have been sent to state prison is creating population management challenges for counties.

At this hearing, the Commission will explore challenges that counties face in reducing their pre-trial jail populations, equity issues in the current bail system, the use of bail schedules, pre-trial alternatives to bail, and the expanding use of validated risk and needs assessment tools.

The Commission will hear from the current executive director of the California State Association of Counties and former Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Matt Cate, who will provide a county-view perspective on pre-trial release in the context of state prison realignment. The Commission also will hear from a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge who will provide a view of bail schedules and pre-trial release options from the judicial bench. A senior policy advocate with the American Civil Liberties Union of California will testify about possible alternatives to the commercial bail system. The executive director of a crime victim assistance agency will provide her perspective on bail reform and the use of pre-trial release options. The Contra Costa County chief public defender and the Sutter County district attorney will address potential state-imposed changes to the bail system, including uniform statewide bail schedules along with alternatives to commercial bail.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, March 14, 2013.



State of California

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Public Hearing on Bail and Pre-Trial Services
Thursday, March 21, 2013
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

Panel One: Counties Need New Tools to Reduce Pre-Trial Populations

1. Matt Cate, Executive Director, California State Association of Counties, Former Secretary, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Panel Two: Bail and Pre-Trial Services: A View from the Judicial Bench

2. Stephen V. Manley, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

Panel Three: Fix What's Broken, but Beware of Unintended Consequences

3. Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Senior Policy Advocate, American Civil Liberties Union of California
4. Christine Ward, Executive Director, Crime Victims Action Alliance and Crime Victims Assistance Network Foundation

Panel Four: Life in the Courtroom: Is There Really a Problem with Bail?

5. Robin Lipetzky, Chief Public Defender, Contra Costa County, Member, Executive Committee, California Public Defenders Association
6. Carl Adams, District Attorney, Sutter County District Attorney, President, California District Attorneys Association

Business Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2013
Legislative Counsel Conference Room
925 L Street, Lower Level
Sacramento

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Election of Officers
- II. Business Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2013
- III. Draft – State Parks Report
- IV. Subcommittee Reports/Project Selection
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from Bureau of State Audits