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Hon. Eloise Gómez Reyes
Member of the Assembly, 50th District
1021 O Street, Suite 8210
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Subject: Assembly Bill 2055 (Reyes), as introduced – Opposed unless funded and amended

Dear Assembly Member Reyes:

The Judicial Council regrettably opposes, unless funded and amended, Assembly Bill 2055, which commencing May 1, 2027, and biennially thereafter, requires each superior court to report to the Judicial Council specified data related to expungement petitions filed for individuals who successfully participated as an incarcerated fire camp member or at an institutional firehouse. AB 2055 requires the Judicial Council, on or before June 1, 2027, and biennially thereafter, to thereafter submit a report to the Legislature containing the abovementioned data regarding conviction relief for incarcerated firefighters until January 1, 2037, at which point, the bill would sunset.

As AB 2055 is substantively identical to the final form of AB 945 (Reyes; 2023), the council's opposition regrettably remains. Specifically, the council is opposed unless funded due to the data collection requirements. Courts will need to make extensive changes to their case management systems to collect the required data and transmit it to the council for the report. Identifying individual elements (such as the petition date, decision date, and individual filer information) as opposed to the aggregate data elements (number of petitions filed, granted, and denied) will require particularly costly changes to case management systems as individual data is currently not collected by courts for this matter. The council estimates that the bill will require \$2 million in one-time implementation costs and over \$3 million in ongoing costs for data validation and storage.

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Furthermore, the Judicial Council is opposed unless amended because the bill only gives the council one month after receiving the data from the courts to assemble, verify, and prepare a report to the Legislature. The council believes that this is not adequate time to do this work and respectfully requests the bill be amended to require the reporting by the council to begin on June 1, 2028.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is in respectful opposition to AB 2055.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

Sent April 10, 2024

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