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July 15, 2024

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 949 (Blakespear)—Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on Senate Bill 949 to require all superior courts by July 1, 2026, to provide court users a reasonable amount of break time during a court proceeding to express breast milk and require the Judicial Council to adopt or amend rules of court so that court users may make a lactation accommodation request through a confidential process.

Senate Bill 949 furthers the first of seven goals in the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan, prioritizing “Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion” through removing barriers to access and fairness by ensuring that our courts are inclusive of attorneys and all court users who are breastfeeding and participating in court proceedings.

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

Sincerely,

Cory T. Jaspersen
Director, Governmental Affairs

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cc: Hon. Catherine Blakespear, Member of the Senate, 38th District
Mr. Jith Meganathan, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
Ms. Shelley Curran, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California



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June 6, 2024

Hon. Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 949 (Blakespear), as amended June 5, 2024—Support
Hearing: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Dear Assembly Member Wicks:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support Senate Bill 949 which would require all superior courts by July 1, 2026 to provide court users a reasonable amount of break time during a court proceeding to express breast milk, require the Judicial Council to adopt or amend rules of court so that court users may make a lactation accommodation request through a confidential process, and correct a prior drafting error to permit a superior court to designate a lactation space without running water or a refrigerator due to operational, financial, or space limitations.

The first of seven goals in the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan is “Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion.” SB 949 furthers this goal of seeking to remove barriers to access and fairness by ensuring that our courts are inclusive of attorneys and all court users who are breastfeeding and participating in court proceedings.

The Judicial Council was supportive of the authorizing legislation providing for lactation accommodations for court users in courthouses and anticipates the incurred costs of SB 949 to adopt or amend the rules of court to be minor and absorbable.

Hon. Buffy Wicks

June 6, 2024

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Mr. Daryl Thomas, Consultant, Assembly Republican Office of Policy
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April 10, 2024

Hon. Anna M. Caballero
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 949 (Blakespear), as amended—Support
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee—April 15, 2024

Dear Senator Anna M. Caballero:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support Senate Bill 949 which would require all superior courts by July 1, 2026 to provide court users a reasonable amount of break time during a court proceeding to express breast milk, require the Judicial Council to adopt or amend rules of court so that court users may make a lactation accommodation request through a confidential process, and correct a prior drafting error to permit a superior court to designate a lactation space without running water or a refrigerator due to operational, financial, or space limitations.

The first of seven goals in the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan is “Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion.” SB 949 furthers this goal of seeking to remove all barriers to access and fairness by ensuring that our courts are inclusive of attorneys and all court users who are breastfeeding and participating in court proceedings.

The Judicial Council was supportive of the enacting legislation providing for lactation accommodations for court users in courthouses and anticipates the incurred costs of SB 949 to adopt or amend the rules of court to be minor and absorbable.

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