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Hon. Robert M. Hertzberg
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, California 95814

Hon. Nancy Skinner
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Senate Bill 262 (Hertzberg & Skinner), as amended September 2, 2021—Neutral

Dear Senator Hertzberg and Senator Skinner:

The Judicial Council is neutral on SB 262, which, among other things, requires the council, starting January 1, 2023, to prepare, adopt, and annually revise a statewide bail schedule. The bill also requires a court, prior to setting bail, to consider whether nonfinancial conditions will reasonably protect the public and the victim and reasonably assure the arrestee's presence at trial and if the court concludes that money bail is necessary, requires the court to conduct an inquiry into the arrestee's ability to pay, as specified.

In conclusion, the Judicial Council especially appreciates that you and your staff have worked with the council throughout the process on this important bill. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Sharon Reilly at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

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