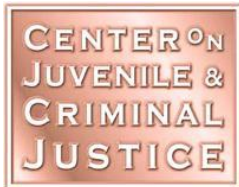


Who's deciding California's legislative priorities?



Publications reveal CA political imbalances

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Some are more equal than others: Governor's priorities show influence of law enforcement lobby.

New report discusses Governor's reprieve for youth corrections in light of severe cuts for other service sectors

CJCJ's Brian Goldstein analyzes the Governor's budget cuts since July 2011 and concludes that the decision to maintain the state's youth correctional system (DJF) is unjustifiable in the wake of such across the board cuts and a \$15.7 billion projected deficit. The publication, [*A Juvenile Justice Reprieve: California's 2012 Mid-Year Budget*](#), documents funding reductions to vital social services such as residential support for elderly and disabled individuals, after-school programs for children with working parents, and community-based programs for individuals with autism, mental retardation, and other related conditions. It questions why juvenile justice is constantly provided an exception by the Governor despite his repeated acknowledgement that the state facilities are expensive and serve very few youth.

Law enforcement interest groups have lobbied vehemently against proposals to close DJF or create a less burdensome funding scheme for state taxpayers – and the Governor has listened. Despite ignore all other protestations against the budget triggers in January 2012, the Governor issued only one reprieve, giving DJF leniency while carrying out the extra cuts to K-12 schools, libraries, higher education, developmental services, and health care. While the state continues to maintain an unnecessary dual juvenile justice system, budget cuts will have to be made elsewhere to balance the shortfall.

For more information [read this op-ed by Brian Goldstein](#) or this piece in the [Juvenile Justice Information Exchange](#).

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There is currently pressure on the California legislature from law enforcement agencies to reduce or eliminate the Governor's proposed \$24,000 per youth fee structure for the Division of Juvenile Facilities.

The state is already spending 20-25 times the per capita investment on youth offenders as it is on students in our UC, Cal State, K-12, and community college systems. With an 80% recidivism rate, the Division of Juvenile Facilities should receive a failing grade yet legislators

are being asked to protect this expensive and unnecessary institution time and time again.

Please urge the legislature to stand firm against law enforcement pressure to reduce or eliminate the proposed \$24,000 fee structure. Elimination of the \$24,000 fee means that \$19.9 million in cuts would have to come out of education, social services, health care access for low-income families, or even deeper cuts to the courts.

The decision to maintain the Governor's juvenile justice proposal will be made next week. **Call these senators to let them know you support the Governor's proposal to institute a \$24,000 per youth fee on using the state juvenile justice system:**

Phone Numbers:

- Senator Loni Hancock (916) 651-4009
- Senator Lois Wolk (916) 651-4005
- Senate pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (916) 651-4006
- Assemblymember Gil Cedillo (916) 319-2045
- Assemblymember Mike Feuer (916) 319-2042
- Assemblymember Luis Alejo (916) 319-2028
- Speaker of the Assembly John A. Pérez (916) 319-2046

For Profit or Public Safety? An examination of the commercial bail industry.

New report finds that bail industry lobbying practices obstruct the development of pretrial services that could aid counties grappling with increased jail populations

CJCJ's Amanda Gullings takes a closer look at bail industry lobbying activities in California, revealing their "for profit" agenda and adverse impact on public safety, in [*The Commercial Bail Industry: For Profit or Public Safety?*](#) The publication documents 100 years of concern over bail industry practices, including condemnation by the National District Attorneys Association, the American Probation and Parole Association, and the National Institution of Corrections.

The Bail Industry was one of the only groups to lobby against criminal justice realignment (AB 109) that went into effect last year. Now, despite [rising jail populations and a high pre-trial detainee population](#), the bail industry strongly opposes any investment in pre-trial services – a potentially cost-saving and safe way for counties to manage their new criminal justice population.

For more information and to hear it from the author, listen to this [KALW radio interview](#) or read CJCJ's blog, re-posted in [California Progress Report](#).

Our Senior Research Fellows discuss the bigger picture. Check out the latest:

~ Mike Males, [Bullying not gay teens' key problem](#), *Politico*, May 11, 2012

~ Randy Shelden, [Inequality in America](#), *California Progress Report*, May 23, 2012

Related Link: University of San Francisco, Center for Law and Global Justice released a report entitled [Cruel and Unusual: U.S. Sentencing Practices in a Global Context](#). The report compiles

comparative research on sentencing laws around the globe, and documents how sentencing laws distinguish the United States from other countries.

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