

RESTORE \$20 MILLION CUT FROM CALIFORNIA PRETRIAL SERVICES



Pretrial Funding Was Cut by \$5 Million in 2025-26 and \$20 Million in 2026-27 and Ongoing



- The 2025-26 budget cut pretrial by \$5 million.
- The Governor is proposing to cut \$20 million in 2026-27 and ongoing.
- **This is a nearly 30 percent cut in essential pretrial funding.**

These reductions threaten California's ability to maintain adequate statewide pretrial capacity.

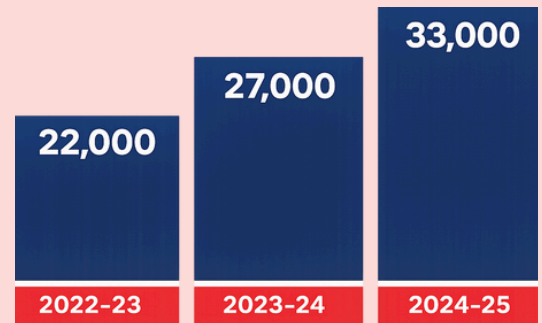
Why This is Critical Funding

The California Supreme Court held that it is unconstitutional to detain a person before trial solely because they cannot afford bail, requiring courts to consider:

- Ability to pay
- Non-monetary alternatives
- Public safety and court appearance

The Reality: Pretrial Demand is Growing and the Governor is Cutting Funding

From just 2022-23 to 2024-25, pretrial average quarterly monitoring caseloads grew from 22,000 to 33,000 - an **increase of 11,000 individuals or 50%**. Caseloads will only continue to grow as California relies more on pretrial services to support diversion/treatment programs and Prop 36 implementation.



Pretrial Monitoring Caseloads Increased by 50%

Restore Full Pretrial Services Funding of \$20 Million to Ensure:



- ✓ Continued statewide implementation of *In re Humphrey*
- ✓ Consistent, safe pretrial decision-making
- ✓ Support for Prop 36 and diversion/treatment pathways that depend on pretrial services capacity
- ✓ Stronger public safety outcomes across California
- ✓ Support for safe pretrial release to limit unnecessary jail detention

The Importance of California's Statewide Pretrial Services Program

Pretrial services are a core public safety and court function. Caseloads are rising, and expanded diversion and treatment programs, including Prop 36, are adding to the workload and complexity. Pretrial services are essential to:



Supporting courts to make safe and constitutional release decisions



Increasing returns to court



Helping to maintain accountability within the justice system