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CSAC Board Reiterates Support for Governor's Prison Plan

SACRAMENTO –The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors today unanimously voted to renew their support for Governor Jerry Brown's plan to reduce prison over-crowding in California. The same resolution also directs CSAC staff to continue working with the Administration and Legislature on comprehensive solutions that assure correctional system stability over the long-term, which should include consideration of elements in the Senate Democratic plan.

"The Governor's plan to expand inmate capacity using private prisons meets the immediate need to comply with the federal court order and protects local public safety by keeping dangerous felons behind bars for their full terms," said CSAC President David Finigan, a Del Norte County Supervisor. "At the same time, we recognize that many counties are using evidence-based programs that really work to reduce recidivism in the long term and keep people from reoffending. We know there is some common ground on these issues and we are pledging to work with the Governor and the Legislature over the coming months to find it."

The CSAC resolution includes three main points:

- Affirms CSAC support for SB 105 and the Governor's remedy to comply in the short term with the Federal Court order.
- Encourages the Administration and the Legislature to work together and with key stakeholders including County Supervisors, County Sheriffs and Probation Chiefs, mental health and substance abuse professionals and others to develop an array of long-term durable solutions to the prison crisis.
- Directs CSAC staff to work with the Administration and Legislature to develop long-term solutions which may include elements of the Senate Democrats plan.

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