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## California Counties Support Prison Compromise

SACRAMENTO –The President of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), David Finigan, a Del Norte County Supervisor, issued this statement today regarding the compromise reached by Governor Jerry Brown and the four Legislative leaders regarding the prison reduction plans.

“CSAC applauds the Governor and Legislative leadership on the compromise plan announced today that complies with the federal court order to reduce prison overcrowding. We support the agreement that is entirely consistent with the CSAC’s Board action taken last week after lengthy discussion in that it blends the best elements of the Governor’s proposal and Senate Democrats’ alternative. Counties already are playing a critical and expanded role in managing offender populations as a result of 2011 Public Safety Realignment. The deal announced today preserves counties’ ongoing efforts to improve offender outcomes, offers a safe yet temporary solution to avoid early prison releases necessitated by the court’s order, and gives time to develop thoughtful and sustainable solutions. This resolution is good for counties and good for Californians.”

*The California State Association of Counties is the voice of California’s 58 counties at the state and federal level.*

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