

## COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

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*And Interested Parties and Affected State Agencies (See Mailing List)*

Re: **Request for Additional Information**

Claimant Request for Extension of Time and to Postpone Hearing  
*Juvenile Offender Treatment Program Court Proceedings, 04-TC-02*  
Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 779, 1731.8, 1719, and 1720  
Statutes 2003, Chapter 4 (SB 459)  
County of Los Angeles, Claimant

Dear Mr. Jewik and Mr. Kaye:

On February 16, 2012, the Commission received your request for extension of time to file comments, and request to postpone the March 23, 2012 hearing on the above-named matter. Your letter states that these requests should be granted for good cause because of the complexity of the issues raised and the need to obtain specialized counsel to address these issues.

Section 1187.9(b) of the Commission's regulations states:

In determining whether there is good cause for a continuance within the meaning of subdivision (1) the following policy should be taken into consideration:  
Continuances are not favored by the Commission. . . . Continuances will be granted only upon a clear showing of good cause.

Therefore, prior to approving or denying your request, the Commission is requesting that you provide additional information regarding the reasons for the need for the extension and postponement, and if those reasons meet the definition of "good cause" as defined in section 1181.1 of the Commission's regulations.

It is unclear why the issues in this test claim are complex. The test claim pleads one statute and four code sections, and presents issues of law. In addition, it is unclear why special counsel is necessary to analyze the activities performed by the Public Defender's Office.

Please provide your response by March 2, 2012.

Please contact me at (916) 323-8217 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Patton".

Nancy Patton  
Acting Executive Director