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**Response to Request to Initiate a Joint Request for Legislatively Determined Mandates,
25-LDM-01, 25-LDM-02, 25-LDM-03, 25-LDM-04, 25-LDM-05, 25-LDM-06**

Dear Arthur J. Wylene:

Pursuant Government Code section 17573, the Department of Finance is submitting the following notification letter.

On October 15, 2025, and March 16, 2026, the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) submitted to the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) its intent to initiate a Joint Request for a Legislatively Determined Mandate (LDM), for the following statutes:

- **Local Public Employees: Vacant Positions**—Chapter 409, Statutes of 2024 (AB 2561)
- **Law Enforcement: Criminal Statistics**—Chapter 662, Statutes of 2024 (AB 2695)
- **Controlled Substances: Overdose Reporting and Coroners: Duties**—Chapter 859, Statutes of 2023 (SB 67) and Chapter 684, Statutes of 2024 (AB 1859)
- **Incarceration: Pregnant Persons**—Chapter 722, Statutes of 2024 (AB 2527)
- **County Government: Contract Legal Counsel**—Chapter 823, Statutes of 2023 (AB 1025); Chapter 307, Statutes of 2018 (AB 3068); Chapter 423, Statutes of 2006 (AB 2715); and Chapter 41, Statutes of 2001 (AB 1579)
- **Criminal Fee Repeal and Formerly, Fee-Supported Activities**—Chapter 92, Statutes of 2020 (AB 1869)

After careful consideration, Finance has concluded these mandates should go through the standard test claim process with the Commission. The test claim process allows the claims to be comprehensively reviewed by the Commission, and it affords all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the matters.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Chris Hill, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-3274.

Sincerely,

Rosanna Nguyen

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Program Budget Manager

cc: Juliana Gmur, Executive Director, Commission on State Mandates

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On April 20, 2026, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated April 15, 2026**
- **Response to Request to Initiate a Joint Request for Legislatively Determined Mandates, 25-LDM-01, 25-LDM-02, 25-LDM-03, 25-LDM-04, 25-LDM-05, 25-LDM-06 filed by the Department of Finance on April 17, 2026**

County Government: Contract Legal Counsel: Elected Treasurer-Tax Collector
Statutes 2023, Chapter 823 (AB 1025)

And

County Government: Contract Legal Counsel: Auditor-Controller
Statutes 2018, Chapter 307 (AB 3068)

And

Government (Contract Legal Counsel: Assessor)
Statutes 2006, Chapter 423 (AB 2715)

And

County Sheriffs (Contract Legal Counsel: Sheriff), 25-LDM-05
Statutes 2001, Chapter 41 (AB 1579)

Rural County Representatives of California, Requester

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on April 20, 2026 at Sacramento, California.



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Mailing List

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Claim Number: 25-LDM-05

Matter: County Government: Contract Legal Counsel

Requester: Rural County Representatives of California

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