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RE: Legislatively Determined Mandate
Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program
(Senate Bill 989; Statutes 2026, Chapter 667)

Dear Director Stephenshaw and Executive Director Gmur:

Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), a statewide association of California's rural counties, hereby requests to initiate a Joint Request for Legislatively Determined Mandate (LDM) pursuant to Government Code section 17573 regarding the above-captioned statute.

The Department of Finance, in its August 3, 2026, bill analysis (attached), opposed the bill because it "because [of] the additional workload for county behavioral health departments."

By copy of this letter to the Commission on State Mandates, RCRC requests acknowledgement that the statute of limitations to file a test claim is tolled as of the date of this notice pursuant to Government Code section 17573, subdivision (b). While this matter is pending, RCRC or the Department of Finance shall notify the Commission of actions taken as set forth below, in accordance with subdivision (g) of Section 17573:

- Provide the Commission with a copy of any communications regarding development of a joint request under this section and a copy of a joint request when it is submitted to the Legislature.
- Notify the Commission of the date of (A) the Legislature's action on a joint request in the Budget Act, or (B) the Department's decision not to submit a joint request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the next steps in the LDM process.

Very truly yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: 06/18/2026
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 989
AUTHOR: Blakespear, Catherine S

BILL SUMMARY: Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.

This bill authorizes specified first responders to contact county behavioral health agencies and request the county behavioral health agency to file a petition to commence the CARE process for any individuals believed to meet CARE process criteria. This bill also requires the county behavioral health to review and process the request within 30 business days of receipt and requires the county behavioral health agency to notify the referring first responder of the outcome and other specified information.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) estimates a fiscal impact of $500,000 General Fund in 2027-28 to expand the existing training and technical assistance contact and develop update CARE Act training materials for first responders and counties.

The Department of Finance notes that provisions in this bill could result in a higher volume of county reimbursement claims. This bill does not specify a fund source for implementing these provisions, so the costs would likely be borne by the General Fund. If the provisions in this bill increase county CARE Act implementation costs by even ten percent, this would result in an increase of $2.2 million General Fund in 2026-27 and ongoing.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because the additional workload for county behavioral health departments and DHCS creates new General Fund costs that were not included in the 2026 Budget Act.

The responsibility for specified behavioral health services was realigned to the counties as part of 2011 Public Safety Realignment. Pursuant to Proposition 30, which was approved by the voters in November 2012, legislation enacted after September 30, 2012, that has an overall effect of increasing the costs already borne by a local agency for programs or levels of service mandated by 2011 Realignment, applies to local agencies only to the extent the state to provide funding for the cost increase.

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BILL ANALYSIS--(CONTINUED) **Form DF-43**

AUTHOR	**AMENDMENT DATE**	**BILL NUMBER**
Blakespear, Catherine S	06/18/2026	SB 989

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO LA CO RV	PROP 98	FC	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year) (Dollars in Thousands) 2026-2027	FC	2027-2028	FC	2028-2029	Fund Code
4260/Hlth Care	SO	No	C	0	C	500	C	500	0001
4260/Hlth Care	LA	No	C	0	C	2,200	C	2,200	0001

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 November 9, 2026, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated November 5, 2026**
- **Notice of Receipt of Letter of Intent to Initiate a Joint Request for a Legislatively Determined Mandate and Tolling of the Statute of Limitations issued November 9, 2026**
- **Letter of Intent to Initiate a Joint Request for a Legislatively Determined Mandate filed by the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) on November 2, 2026**

  Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program,
  26-LDM-13
  Statutes 2026, Chapter 667 (SB 989)
  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 November 9, 2026 at Sacramento, California.

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