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Alpine County Commissioner Terry Woodrow to CSAC Executive Director Paul Risden; Anthony Cannella to Chair Supervisorial Districts Network; Kimberly Cousins Tackling County Commissioners at the CSAC Legislative Reception held last Wednesday

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CSAC President Glenn Wilda testifies on the Home Substitute Budget Bill

Last Thursday, CSAC President and Inyo County Commissioner Glen Wilda testified before the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee on the Home Substitute Budget Bill (Assembly Bill 85 (Rammerman) by Chairman).

Possibly Wilda discussed the Governor's Proposal to Realign Low-Level Offenders and Parole Violators, which would shift responsibility for housing these offenders from the state to counties. The Governor's Budget for 2015 relies on the Governor to pass a new law. No appropriations to the House Budget Committee were proposed. Instead, the Governor's Budget relies on the passage of a new law. Wilda testified that counties cannot implement the Governor's proposal without the passage of a new law. The Governor offered no proposed solutions but his allowable percentage difference from the Governor's Budget. Wilda testified that counties, along with state and federal partners, can get the job done if given the opportunity.

Please refer to Trustee Allen's testimony for his comments on changes to the Local Government Financing System and the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Representatives from City of Bakersfield, City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department also testified in support of the Governor's Budget Proposal. Opposition testimony was provided by the California Public Defenders Association and the Legislative Analyst's Office. The Legislative Analyst's Office testified that the Governor's Budget Proposal does not provide for a sufficient amount of funding to counties to carry out the incarceration of low-level offenders.

Assembly Member Jim Frazier is the author of the bill and Frazier was the Vice-Chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee when he was elected to the Assembly in 2012. Frazier was a member of the Assembly Budget Committee when he was elected to the Assembly in 2012.

President Wilda thanked the committee for the state's financial commitment. Then, the chairman's staff presented the Governor's Budget Proposal. Wilda testified that he was in support of the Governor's Budget Proposal. Wilda thanked the committee for the funding of AB 85. Wilda also testified that he was in support of the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Finally, Senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) testified in favor of the Governor's Budget Proposal. Fuller testified that Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard was unable to testify because he was attending a funeral. Fuller testified that Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard was in support of the Governor's Budget Proposal. Fuller testified that Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard was in support of the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) testified in favor