

California Bail Reform

California's current money bail system unfairly penalizes people with low and moderate incomes, increases racial disparities in the criminal justice system, and fails our families and our communities. The California Money Bail Reform Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 10 – Hertzberg; Assembly Bill 42 - Bonta) seeks to reform this system to make it more just and to make communities safer.

With this legislation, we intend to significantly reduce the use of money bail and to increase the number of people who are able to safely return home after arrest. We will do this by:

- **Moving** to a system where community safety, not wealth, is the basis for determining pretrial release.
- **Building** a system that looks beyond a person's income or the color of their skin to determine whether they can return home while they await trial.
- **Providing** people with pretrial services to help them get back to court and comply with court-ordered conditions of release.

Collectively and through our communities, we have identified some important concerns around pretrial reform, and we are trying to address them in the bill:

We Do Not:

- **We DO NOT** want to make it easier to keep people locked up pretrial.
- **We DO NOT** want low-income individuals and their families to be unfairly burdened by the costs of pretrial services.
- **We DO NOT** want to encourage unnecessary supervision, conditioning, or surveillance of people released pretrial.

We Do:

- **We DO** want to regulate the use of risk assessment tools to make sure that they do not exacerbate racial disparities in the justice system.
- **We DO** want to ensure that people are afforded their constitutional rights.
- **We DO** want to create a more transparent system where individuals and communities can hold state and local decision-makers accountable.

The California Money Bail Reform Act of 2017 (SB 10 and AB 42) is co-sponsored by:

