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The Honorable Brian Maienschein  
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 5640  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 564 (Laird) – Sheriffs and Marshals: fees  
As Amended March 20, 2023 – SUPPORT  
Set for Hearing – June 6 – Assembly Judiciary Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 of the state’s counties, is pleased to support Senate Bill 564 by Senator John Laird. This measure would increase the fees sheriffs may collect for serving civil process.

Current law provides that the sheriff shall serve all processes and notices, which includes summons, warrants, evictions, wage garnishments, small claims documents, levies on property, writs, and other court orders. Existing law also establishes the various fees that sheriffs’ offices are permitted to collect in connection with performing the service of civil process. The problem is that many of the fees do not typically cover the costs of the services to which they are connected to. Further, the fees have not been increased since 2015 and have not kept pace with inflation and the rising personnel and resource costs, creating revenue deficits within sheriffs’ offices. Although sheriffs’ offices are operated and managed directly under the supervision of the county elected sheriff, they are funded through the county budget. Thus, any costs associated with serving, executing, and processing required court orders that are not covered by collected fees, are subsidized by counties.

Simply put, SB 564 would modestly increase and conform various fees that sheriffs’ offices are permitted to collect to fulfill their legal obligation and closer match the costs of providing services. This bill also preserves the existing fee waiver process for individuals that cannot afford the fee, ensuring that everyone in need can apply for relief and access critical sheriff services.

It is for these reasons CSAC supports SB 564 and respectfully requests your AYE vote. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rmorimune@counties.org](mailto:rmorimune@counties.org).

Sincerely,

Ryan Morimune  
Legislative Advocate

cc: The Honorable John Laird, California State Senate  
Members and Consultant, Assembly Judiciary Committee  
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