



Probation

Youth Commitment - (State)

Issue: Youth Commitment

Action: Support legislation that would allow the court some flexibility to order a youth into juvenile hall.

Background: Welfare and Institutions Code 730 provides the authority for a judge to commit a youth to a “juvenile home, ranch, camp, or forestry camp”. As noted by a local judge, this statute does not explicitly provide for a commitment to a county operated treatment facility, even though it has probably been assumed a juvenile home is the equivalent to a treatment facility.

This code section also provides authority for the judge to commit a youth to juvenile hall, but only if there are no county operated juvenile homes, ranches, camps, or forestry camps.

In some instances, a youth may have already exhausted local facility options, by cycling in and out with violations, and simply is no longer appropriate for those commitment options. Thus, it is suggested wording be added to allow the court some flexibility to order a youth into juvenile hall even if there are juvenile homes, ranches, camps, or forestry camps in a particular county.

Drones Over Youth - (State)

Issue: Drones and Institutions

Action: Support legislation to add language adding county or state operated juvenile detention or treatment facilities to the list of institutions with no fly zones for drones.

Background: Support legislation against the flying of drones over juvenile detention/treatment facilities. Knowingly or intentionally doing so will now be a misdemeanor. Noting the vulnerability of these types of facilities, and the recent, successful attempt to drop contraband into a prison yard via drone, juvenile institutions should thus be added as they are just as vulnerable to this method of intrusion.