

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** July 1, 2008  
**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 2877  
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**BILL SUMMARY: Female Offenders: Medical and Dental Care**

This bill would ensure that dental care is provided consistently among female and male inmates and authorized the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to enter into contracts with counties to provide medical, dental, and mental health services to inmates in community correctional centers.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

To the extent that CDCR determines that inmates housed in community correctional centers require a higher level of medical, dental, or mental health care beyond those currently provided, this bill could result in significant General Fund costs. We note that the CDCR currently provides dental care to both male and female inmates consistent with the *Perez* stipulated agreement.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 1, 2008 version are not significant, but our position has changed because of additional information received from CDCR that identifies potential General Fund costs and a conflict with the current *Perez* stipulated agreement.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it could result in significant General Fund costs if the CDCR determines that inmates housed in community correctional centers require additional care. In addition, we note that this bill may be unnecessary because CDCR is already required to provide constitutionally adequate dental care to both female and male inmates. However, this bill would require CDCR to give priority to female offenders that are eligible for placement in community correctional centers, which is inconsistent with the *Perez* stipulated agreement in that it requires that all inmates receive timely dental care without prejudice.

Under the *Perez* stipulated agreement, the CDCR is charged with providing constitutionally standard dental care to both female and male inmates. This bill would ensure that female offenders receive dental services in a timely manner consistent with male offenders, and provide that female offenders who are eligible for placement in a community correctional center but whose placement is delayed because of dental problems would receive priority for dental care. This bill would also authorize the CDCR to enter into contracts with counties to provide medical, dental, and mental health services to inmates in community correctional centers.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011			
	RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC				
5225/Corr & Rehab	SO	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----							0001

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