Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Legislative Subcommittee Minutes

May 17, 2021 / 8:00AM - 8:30AM VIRTUAL

ATTENDEES

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stan Hilkey, Chair, CCJJ; Department of Public Safety
Abigail Tucker, Vice-Chair, CCJJ; Representing mental health treatment providers
Shawn Day, Aurora Municipal Court
Janet Drake, Attorney General's Office
Tom Raynes, Colorado District Attorneys' Council (CDAC)
Maureen Cain, ex officio, Office of the State Public Defender
Joe Thome, ex officio, Division of Criminal Justice
Joel Malecka, ex officio, CDPS Legislative Liaison

ABSENT

Megan Ring, Office of the State Public Defender

STAFF

Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice

Issue/Topic

Legislative Fact Sheet: SB 2021-271 Stan Hilkey, Chair

Discussion

Stan Hilkey, Chair, explained that he convened the Legislative Subcommittee to review and approve a "Legislative Fact Sheet" drafted for use by legislators, and to discuss the few amendments made during the drafting of *Senate Bill 21-271* to determine whether the bill continues to reflect the intent of CCJJ Recommendation *FY21-SR #01* (*Revise Misdemeanor Sentencing and Offenses*).

The fact sheet was sent by email to the Legislative Subcommittee members and can be found on the Commission website (Legislative Subcommittee page) under "Materials" at ccjj.colorado.gov/ccjj-legsubc.

The group reviewed the Legislative Fact Sheet which describes the background of Governor's Polis mandate for the Commission to undertake a comprehensive review of sentencing laws in Colorado, the study of the framework of the misdemeanor sentencing grid, a summary of Senate Bill 21-271 and a table of misdemeanor sentencing ranges by state.

Stan Hilkey asked Legislative Committee members for a motion to approve the Legislative Fact Sheet. A motion was offered and seconded.

VOTE to approve the "Legislative Fact Sheet" for use by legislators in support of Senate Bill 2021-271:

Support: 5 Do Not Support: 0

The motion was APPROVED

Issue/Topic

Summary of Amendments: SB 2021-271 Maureen Cain

Discussion

Maureen Cain provided context regarding amendments to be made during the initial hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee for *S.B. 21-271* that will modify elements of *Recommendation FY21-SR #01*. Those modifications included the following:

- Title 33: Consistent with recommendations from the Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife, about 20 offenses were added that include fines.
- Title 33: Terminology "Civil infractions" was added.
- Title 42: Some Fines/surcharge for traffic offenses have been added.
- Title 01: Some of election fraud crimes that had been downgraded in the CCJJ recommendation to Misdemeanor Class 2 were reinstated to Misdemeanor Class 1 in the amended bill.

Maureen commented that because these proposed amendments to the bill are not substantial, the drafted/amended bill would remain consistent with the intent of the CCJJ Recommendation FY20-SR#01.

Issue/Topic

Summary of
Drafting Modifications and
Amendments: SB 2021-271
Maureen Cain
(continued)

With no further discussion, Stan Hilkey asked members for a motion regarding the consistency of *Senate Bill 21-271* (with drafting modifications) with the intent of CCJJ *Recommendation in FY21-SR#01*.

A motion was moved and seconded.

Agree that Senate Bill 2021-271 as modified still reflected the intent of CCJJ Rec. FY21-SR #01.

VOTE:

Support: 5 Do Not Support: 0

The motion was APPROVED

Senate Bill 2021-271 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee "upon adjournment" of the Senate on May 19, 2021.

Adjournment Stan Hilkey

Mr. Hilkey adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.