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**Capital Development Committee**  
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February 3, 2016

Senator Leroy Garcia  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Senator Garcia:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 42(a), the Capital Development Committee (CDC) reviews and makes advisory recommendations on legislation that concerns capital construction, controlled maintenance, or proposals to acquire capital assets.

On February 2, 2016 the CDC reviewed Senate Bill 16-060, concerning the transfer of the fiscal responsibility of providing court facilities in each county to the state. The bill is pending before the Senate Finance Committee. During its review, the committee raised the following questions:

1. What are the state and county responsibilities to provide court facilities under current law and applicable court orders? How do these responsibilities differ for county courts, district courts, and municipal courts?
2. Have counties raised fees or considered raising fees to maintain and/or operate court facilities?
3. Is the state paying rent to or in a lease agreement with any county for court facilities? If so, please explain.
4. Under the bill, would the county be required to pay rent for other county functions housed in court buildings, such as the county assessor's office, clerk's office, treasurer's office, etc.?
5. Does the state currently pay any operating expenses related to county court facilities? If so, please explain.

Additionally, the committee inquired about recent operating budget requests for the Underfunded Courthouse Facilities Grant Program. CDC staff is working to provide the committee with this information.

If you have any questions or concerns about the CDC's recommendation, please call Kori Donaldson, Legislative Council Staff, at 303-866-4976.

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Sincerely,



Senator Randy Baumgardner  
Chair, Capital Development Committee

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