



RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Supporting Senate Bill 1407 to Renovate, Expand and Rebuild California's Courthouses

Whereas, California's 450 courthouses are the busiest in the nation, serving more than 8 million citizens each year; and

Whereas, decades of deferred maintenance - combined with the growth of our state - have led to a crisis in our court facilities, with nine out of ten needing significant maintenance or repair; and

Whereas, with out-of-date security, fire and emergency systems, the deficient state of these facilities has the potential to put public safety at risk; and

Whereas, public safety in many courthouses is further jeopardized by the use of public hallways to bring in-custody defendants to court; and

Whereas, most courthouse facilities were built before current seismic safety standards were put in place; and

Whereas, the condition of our courts sends a signal about California's commitment to the rule of law; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1407 (Perata) provides a fiscally responsible plan to repair, renovate and rebuild the courthouses where the need to improve security and public safety is most urgent; and

Whereas, this legislation - based on the Judicial Council's statewide, five-year capital outlay plan - provides funds over the next four years to rebuild and repair courthouses categorized as either immediately or critically in need of repair; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1407 would finance these urgently needed courthouse repairs without raising taxes or placing additional pressure on the state's General Fund; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors joins the state Judicial Council in supporting Senate Bill 1407 and urges the Members of the State Legislature and the Governor to approve this legislation and sign it into law to protect the safety of all citizens using California's halls of justice.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 1st day of July, 2008, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Cindy Keck
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by

Ayes:

Noes:
Absent:

Deputy Clerk
Supervisors

Chairman, Board of

I certify that the foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: Cindy Keck, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California
By _____
Deputy Clerk

