



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office on behalf of the Probation Department requesting the Board approve reinstatement of two (2) take home vehicles for the South Lake Tahoe Probation Office and the Juvenile Treatment Center. (Cont'd 12/10/09, Item 59) (Est. Time: 15 Min.)

**FUNDING:** Probation Department Budget.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: The cost of providing the take home vehicles will be absorbed within the Probation Department's budget. It is anticipated that the use of county vehicles will be offset by employees not charging for employee mileage and/or oncall pay when called to service for after hours emergencies.

Background: Historically, the Probation Department assigned four take home vehicles for use by managers to respond to emergencies and other situations associated with two 24/7 facilities. In the spirit of cooperation due to budget constraints, the Probation department agreed to reduce the number of departmental take home vehicles from four down to two. Both of these vehicles were used by managers in South Lake Tahoe.

Reason for Recommendation: The Probation Department has found that the elimination of the two take home vehicles has resulted in reduced efficiency and additional cost to the budget for employee mileage. The two Probation Department managers in South Lake Tahoe are continuously called upon to trouble shoot situations associated with the operation of a 24/7 facility both on and off duty, from home or by responding to work during nights and/or weekends.

The reinstatement of two take home vehicles in South Lake Tahoe will ensure service reliability in the South Lake Tahoe area and reduce liability associated with mission critical tasks encountered by the Department in the operation of a 24/7 facility.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Upon approval, two County owned vehicles already utilized by Probation Department will be assigned to managers in South Lake Tahoe. The Probation Department will utilize the appropriate forms for recording vehicle usage and report back to the CAO at required intervals.

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