

## Executive Summary

In anticipation of the Jail Oversight Commission (JOC) reunion during the Summer of 2003, a JOC 'report card' was commissioned in late 2002. The present report evolved out of efforts to provide such a report card. The report examines seven measures regarding the impact of the JOC recommendations. With some exceptions, this report makes before and after statistical comparisons on the various measures to assess the effects of the JOC. Subsequently, a benchmark or "best practice" for each measure is identified and explained. Finally, the benchmarks are employed to develop an economic impact projection for most of the measures.

### Effects of the Jail Oversight Commission

- **Fast Track Felony Case Processing**—No statistical comparisons or financial impacts calculated. A new benchmark is identified. An update to the Ninth Circuit's Case Disposition Study is ongoing with completion expected during Summer 2003.
- **Length of Time Between Booking and Court Hearings for Felony VOP Only Inmates**—No statistical impact of the Jail Oversight Commission was detected.
- **Post-Sentence Length of Stay for Inmates Who Are Sentenced To DOC**—No statistical comparisons are made. The post sentence average length of stay has decreased from around 34 days before the JOC to 20.3 days since August 2002. Moreover, the median length of stay is 14 days.
- **Law Enforcement Agencies' Use of Notices to Appear**—More data are needed to provide a statistical comparison of JOC effects. Compared to other counties, notices to appear are not used heavily in Orange County.
- **Initial Appearance**—No effect of the JOC on pleas at initial appearance was detected in the statistical analysis. In fact, there are significantly fewer non-monetary pre-trial releases after the JOC than before.
- **Bond Hearings Within 5 Days**—This practice has not been implemented in Orange County. Because the issues are closely linked to the initial appearance process, no analysis is presented.
- **Length of Stay for Inmates With Mental Health Issues**—Statistical comparisons find no effect of the JOC. In actuality, inmates with mental health issues are staying significantly longer after the JOC than before the JOC.