



AB 572 (Quirk-Silva): Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Treatment Facilities Orange County Pilot Program

AB 572 “Call to Action” Call Talking Points:

- **Introduce yourself**
- **I would like to speak with the staff member handling AB 572 in the Senate Health Committee tomorrow.** (See list, below, with the corresponding name of the staff member)
- **I would like to urge the Senator to vote in favor of AB 572, a bill that is aimed at protecting patients seeking rehabilitative care in licensed residential facilities.**
- **Quick things to know about AB 572:**
 - **Pilot Program:** AB 572 is a voluntary pilot program that affects only the cities in Orange County. This allows participation by interested cities to simply utilize and test out this enforcement model, to ensure it's a viable option for other counties or cities, before it's extended or ended. The pilot program has an end date of January 1, 2021, and a duration of three-years, that allows for enough time to ensure that the program is tested thoroughly, but also is done so in an efficient time-frame.
 - **No State Costs:** This program is being completely funded by the cities in Orange County wishing to participate in the program with the lead agency, the City of Costa Mesa, who would be responsible for the direct reimbursement to the DHCS.
 - **DHCS Employee:** The Investigator that is located in Orange County will maintain the same reporting structure and the same responsibilities that they currently have, the only difference being that they are located in Costa Mesa. The City of Costa Mesa will not be “assigning” them work, (amendments will be taken to clarify this in the bill language to eliminate confusion), the Investigator will respond to complaints in the same way they do now, through a ranking mechanism measuring severity. The DHCS Investigator will report to their supervisors in Sacramento, and simply be housed in Orange County for proximity.
 - **Support:** AB 572 has no known opposition until this week, the bill has received no, “no” votes, and has enjoyed wide bi-partisan support.
- **If asked questions, please refer to the one-pager linked [here](#).**



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