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California Police Chiefs Oppose Steinberg's Prison Overcrowding Plan, Call it Troubling

The California Police Chiefs Association has grave concerns regarding Senator Steinberg's newly released prison overcrowding plan and opposes it. "The linchpin of Steinberg's proposal appears to be a settlement between the plaintiffs in Coleman/Plata and the state of California. We are extremely concerned that the proposal appears to contemplate an ongoing governance relationship between the state of California and the attorneys for the plaintiffs in Coleman/Plata. To our knowledge such an ongoing shared governance relationship between private citizen plaintiffs' lawyers and any governmental entity is unprecedented and we believe it raises serious ethical questions, which is very troubling," said Covina Police Chief Kim Raney, president of the California Police Chiefs Association.

"The notion that a private settlement has the potential to take public safety determinations out of the hands of the Legislature and Governor is deeply troubling to those of us who are charged with the responsibility of protecting our communities. For police chiefs, who protect 78 percent of Californians, those concerns are particularly acute," added Chief Raney. "The police chiefs support the Governor's proposal, SB 105, because it puts California in full compliance with the United States Supreme Court order, does not cede governance over public safety issues to private counsel, and provides sufficient time for a treatment and rehabilitation infrastructure to be securely in place."

The California Police Chiefs Association represents the state's municipal police chiefs whose agencies protect over 78 percent of the citizens of California.

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