

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Assembly Committee on Accountability and Review could consider voting to support the following actions:

- Recommend that Budget SubCommittee #5 on Public Safety require the Receiver's Office and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation report annually on consultant salaries and expenses during budget hearings.
- Recommend that Budget SubCommittee #5 on Public Safety examine staffing levels within prison health care in comparison to other states. Specifically, require the Receiver's Office to provide the Department of Finance report on staffing levels to the Budget SubCommittee as soon as it is complete and require the Receiver's Office provide commentary on both that report and the NuPhysicia report regarding staffing levels in California and other states.
- Recommend that Budget SubCommittee #5 on Public Safety review the inability of the Receiver's Office to meet the current year Budget Act cut of \$820 million to prison medical care services and determine if that cut can be made in Fiscal Year 2011-12.
- Prepare Committee-sponsored legislation to repeal exemptions in the Public Records Act that prohibit disclosure of health care costs and rates charged to state agencies, where there is no conflict with federal law. Specifically, the Committee could consider amending Government Code Sect. 6254.14; 6254 (q); 6254 (v); and 6254 (y) to allow full disclosure of health care contracts and rates agreed to by state agencies at the time contracts are signed. Committee staff will develop specific language and seek Committee members' final approval before introducing legislation.
- Ask the Legislative Analyst's Office to investigate prison health care staffing levels in California and other states and provide a report to the Committee comparing California to other states. Also ask the LAO to provide any recommendations to the Legislature based on the findings of the investigation.