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Item Number: 5.h

MEETING DATE: 12/15/2025

DEPARTMENT:

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SUBJECT:

Review, Consideration, and Possible Development of a Plan to Assess the State Public Defender's 2023 Report on Indigent Defense in San Benito County

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The State Public Defender's 2023 Report on Indigent Defense in San Benito County provides a comprehensive assessment of the County's public defense system, including findings and recommendations. The report is detailed and complex. This agenda item is intended for the Committee to discuss and provide direction on developing a plan to review the report in full, identify next steps, and determine strategies for evaluating its recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Committee discuss and provide direction on developing a plan to review the report in full and determine next steps for assessment.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Indigent Defense in San Benito County
Presentation to BOS 2-27-24](#)