To the relief of everyone involved in state politics, the California Legislature finally entered Summer recess last week. The short break provides a much-needed change of pace, especially given the rapacious rate at which this Legislature has been passing major policy. From raising gas taxes to fund infrastructure projects, to reauthorizing our cap-and-trade program, a lot has already been settled this year. However, the outcome of this session’s most significant criminal justice reform is still unclear. As law enforcement advocates continue to strategize over the recess, here is a short recap of the priorities Cal Chiefs is working on.

- **Senate Bill 54**, the so-called “sanctuary state” bill authored by the president pro tem of the Senate, Kevin de Leon, has ridden the wave of the anti-Trump sentiment in California through all policy committees despite continued opposition from nearly every major law enforcement association. As currently written, SB 54 would still shield undocumented immigrants convicted of specific felony and misdemeanor offenses from federal immigration authorities. Earlier this month, de Leon held a press conference with LA Police Chief Charlie Beck in an attempt to cloud law enforcement’s position on the measure. Instead, Cal Chiefs reaffirmed our opposition throughout the Capitol and to the media. Unfortunately, because of the political climate and Democratic super-majority of the Legislature, there is a general consensus that SB 54 is likely to pass. In light of the situation, Cal Chiefs has been working with other law enforcement groups to remove as many public safety policy concerns as possible before the bill reaches the Governor’s desk.

- **Senate Bill 10**, sponsored by the ACLU and CA for Safety and Justice, would effectively eliminate our current pretrial detention system in favor of a process geared towards release in nearly every case. Although law enforcement generally agrees that our pretrial detention and money bail system could benefit from added tools, like risk-assessments, SB 10 poses major procedural concerns and public safety risks. Cal Chiefs partnered with the District Attorneys to kill an identical measure on the Assembly Floor earlier this year, but the author of Senate Bill 10, Senator Bob Hertzberg, continues to press on despite the fact the California Chief Justice has a working group on bail reform that will be making recommendation in the Fall. If Senator Hertzberg proves unwilling to compromise with law enforcement on the issue, SB 10 will likely face the its demise on the Assembly Floor.

- **Senate Bill 180**, a re-introduction of a measure Cal Chiefs defeated last year to remove the 3-year penalty enhancement on repeat drug dealers, is also awaiting its fate on the Assembly Floor. However, the Assembly just recently rejected **Senate Bill 620**, which would have allowed judicial discretion on the current mandatory gun enhancements. The generally feeling is that if SB 620 died, SB 180 would face similar challenges.

- **CalGang** has been an ongoing topic for discussion ever since the critical report from the State Auditor last year. Cal Chiefs has been working with the District Attorneys and other law enforcement groups on Senate Bill 505, which would institute the reforms outlined in the audit but retain the functionality of the database. However, Assemblymember Shirley Weber has also introduced CalGang legislation, Assembly Bill 90, which would likely result in the massive erosion of current data. As the bills near the end of the legislative
process, Cal Chiefs is focused on ensuring the Governor’s Office understands why SB 505 is critical to the fight against gang crime.

- **Proposition 57 Regulations** are out for public comment and Cal Chiefs is soliciting feedback from our members regarding concerns with the current proposal. Our Legislative Committee discussed issues relating to the increase of credit earning opportunities for violent felons, despite the fact Prop. 57 marketed itself as strictly targeting “nonviolent” offenders. Provided here is a link to the CDCR webpage on Prop 57, which contains fact sheets, FAG’s and the text of the proposed initiative - [http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/proposition57/](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/proposition57/). Please send any feedback to our legislative advocate ([jfeldman@californiapolicechiefs.org](mailto:jfeldman@californiapolicechiefs.org)) and policy analyst ([acolby@californiapolicechiefs.org](mailto:acolby@californiapolicechiefs.org)). The public comment period is open until September 1st, so please submit any feedback at least a week before then in order for it to be considered in Cal Chief’s final letter. Additionally, any agency or department is welcome to submit their own public comment letter to the following email - [CDCR-Prop57-Comments@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:CDRC-Prop57-Comments@cdcr.ca.gov).

The Legislature will reconvene from Summer Recess on August 21st, and go until September 15th, leaving four weeks left until the end of the 2017 session. On top of the priorities listed above, we will also expect to see a handful of new legislation emerge in the form of last-minute gut-and-amend bills. Cal Chiefs will keep you updated throughout the final weeks, so keep an eye out for our alerts and requests to call your elected officials regarding concerning legislation, and please let us know if you have comments or questions regarding any legislation or regulations.