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TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB493 by Zerwas (Relating to the eligibility for judge-ordered community supervision or for release on parole or to mandatory supervision of a defendant convicted of criminal solicitation of capital murder.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code to make individuals convicted of criminal solicitation of capital murder ineligible for judge-ordered community supervision, release to mandatory supervision or release on parole until the actual calendar time served, without consideration of good conduct time, equals one-half of the sentence or 30 calendar years, whichever is less, but in no event less than two calendar years. It is assumed that the bill would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of state corrections agencies or on the demand for resources and services of those agencies.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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