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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee (Budget Committee) assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee reviews submitted budget change concepts for potential adoption as formal budget change proposals and makes recommendations annually to the council. Additionally, the committee reviews and makes recommendations on the use of statewide emergency funding for the judicial branch and acts on other assignments as referred by the council. The Budget Committee has oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last written report, which was submitted for the Judicial Council's business meeting on February 20, 2026.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Budget Committee conducted an action by email and held one meeting between the Judicial Council meetings on February 20, 2026, and April 24, 2026.

On March 5, 2026, in an action by email between meetings, the committee considered a one-time reallocation of unspent Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act funding in fiscal year (FY) 2025–26.

On April 23, 2026, the Budget Committee will consider recommendations for FY 2026–27 allocations for the following programs: (1) CARE Act, (2) Pretrial Release Program, (3) AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator programs, and (4) court reporters. The committee will also hear presentations on additional budget change concepts for FY 2027–28.