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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee also 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 Judicial Branch Budget Committee has oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council written report, which was submitted for the Judicial Council's business meeting on April 25, 2025.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee will have met on three occasions between the Judicial Council meetings on April 25 and July 18, 2025. On May 16, 2025, the committee considered fiscal year (FY) 2025–26 allocation methodology recommendations for (1) AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator programs, (2) court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel, and (3) court reporters. The committee also reviewed FY 2026–27 budget change concepts for the judicial branch. The committee heard informational presentations on the FY 2025–26 May Revision to the Governor's Budget and an update of the Resource Assessment Study model approved by the Judicial Council at its meeting in April that included inputs to the Workload Formula methodology used to allocate funding to the trial courts.

On May 30, 2025, the committee considered the FY 2025–26 allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund of \$3.1 billion to support trial court operations.

The committee will meet on July 17, 2025, to hear informational presentations on the Funding Methodology Subcommittee’s annual work plan for FY 2025–26 and the Budget Act of 2025.