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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Committee Report

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Judicial Branch Budget Committee  
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### Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee reviews and makes recommendations annually to the council on submitted budget change proposals. 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 to by the council. The Judicial Branch Budget Committee is also assigned oversight responsibility for the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. This report summarizes the committee's activities since the last Judicial Council internal committee written report, which was submitted for the council's March 15, 2024, business meeting.

### Overview of Committee Meetings

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee met once and conducted one action by email between the March 15 and May 17, 2024, Judicial Council meetings.

On May 2, 2024, in an action by email between meetings, the committee considered a 2023–24<sup>1</sup> allocation from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for \$2 million for the Judicial Council Legal Services office to address increased legal support for the trial courts.

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<sup>1</sup> This and all subsequent year spans represent fiscal years.

On May 16, 2024, the committee will consider the following items:

1. Allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for 2024–25;
2. Allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund for 2024–25;
3. AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program allocations for 2024–25;
4. Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act allocations for 2024–25;
5. Model Self Help Pilot Program—Technology Model Project Allocation Methodology;
6. Court-Appointed Dependency Counsel allocations for 2024–25;
7. Pretrial Release Program allocations for 2024–25;
8. Court reporter allocations for 2024–25;
9. Self-Help Program allocations for 2024–25 through 2026–27; and
10. Budget change concepts for the judicial branch for 2025–26.

The committee will also hear an informational update on the 2024–25 May Revision to the Governor’s Budget.