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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch 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 Judicial Branch 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 April 24, 2026.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee held two meetings and conducted an action by email between the Judicial Council meetings occurring on April 24, 2026, and July 17, 2026.

On May 20, 2026, the committee considered fiscal year (FY) 2026–27 allocations from the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund to support various trial court programs and services, and allocations from the Trial Court Trust Fund and General Fund for trial court

operations. The committee also evaluated judicial branch budget change concepts for the FY 2027–28 budget process to determine which proposals would be advanced to the Judicial Council for consideration at its July 2026 business meeting.

On June 10, 2026, in an action by email between meetings, the committee considered recommendations for FY 2026–27 allocations for court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel.

On July 15, 2026, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee will receive an informational update on the Budget Act of 2026.