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REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on January 19, 2017

Title	Agenda Item Type
Budget: Update to Fiscal Year 2017–2018 Budget Proposal for the Trial Courts	Action Required
Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected	Effective Date
None	January 19, 2017
Recommended by	Date of Report
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Executive Summary

The Advisory Committee on Financial Accountability and Efficiency for the Judicial Branch and the Judicial Council Technology Committee recommend approval and submission of the revised fiscal year (FY) 2017–2018 budget proposal for the trial courts - Statewide Electronic Filing Implementation and Operational Support. Revisions have been made to this request, necessitating further review and approval. This proposal was submitted to the Department of Finance on September 2, 2016, as a placeholder request. This request is expected to be submitted to the Department of Finance in February 2017 for inclusion in the Governor’s FY 2017–2018 May Revision.

Recommendation

Effective January 19, 2017, the Advisory Committee on Financial Accountability and Efficiency for the Judicial Branch and the Judicial Council Technology Committee recommend that the Judicial Council approve the revised fiscal year 2017–2018 budget proposal for the trial courts,

Statewide Electronic Filing Implementation and Operational Support, for submission to the state Department of Finance.

Previous Council Action

The Judicial Council approved and prioritized the original Statewide Electronic Filing Implementation and Operational Support budget change proposal (BCP) at its August 26, 2016, meeting. The recommendation in this report to approve a revised version of this proposal is consistent with the council's past practice.

Rationale for Recommendation

Each year, the Judicial Council staff presents budget proposals for the council to review. Once approved, the proposals are finalized into BCPs. Submittal of BCPs is the standard process for proposing funding adjustments to the State Budget, and the Judicial Council has authority to submit BCPs to the Department of Finance on behalf of the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Judicial Council, Judicial Branch Facilities Program, trial courts, and Habeas Corpus Resource Center to the Department of Finance.

Judicial Council approval is requested on the revised FY 2017–2018 budget proposal for the trial courts, Statewide Electronic Filing Implementation and Operational Support. The Judicial Council approved the original budget proposal at its August 26, 2016, meeting and submitted it as a placeholder request to the Department of Finance on September 2, 2016, because the details of the proposal had not been completed. The finalized version includes two new components: (1) a request for funding for two years to support 3.0 Judicial Council positions to establish statewide e-filing standards and provide operational support to assist the superior courts in using the e-filing environment, and (2) a plan to implement an e-filing/digital court cost recovery fee to support the ongoing costs for the positions after the two-year period.

1. ***Statewide Electronic Filing Implementation and Operational Support.*** Proposed augmentation of \$551,000 General Fund in FY 2017–2018 and \$410,000 General Fund in FY 2018–2019 to support 3.0 positions to develop and maintain a standards-based statewide e-filing environment that will promote, enable, and assist full court participation in e-filing. The three dedicated, centralized positions requested will include a program manager, application developer/technical analyst, and business analyst and will support integration with an Identity and Access Management system; integration with the preferred financial gateway; establishment and initial operations of standards management, certification, and support services for statewide e-filing managers and e-filing service providers; and support superior court e-filing implementations. Following the initial two-year period, it is anticipated that an e-filing/digital court cost recovery fee will likely be implemented to support the costs for the positions ongoing. The majority of courts have no e-filing capability. Those courts that do have e-filing rely on either the electronic filing service provider or electronic filing managers to provide identity management and financial gateway integration.

This request will allow for the development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide electronic filing system to assist the trial courts with e-filing.

Comments, Alternatives Considered, and Policy Implications

None.

Implementation Requirements, Costs, and Operational Impacts

Not applicable.

Relevant Strategic Plan Goals and Operational Plan Objectives

This funding proposal requested for the trial courts will address three strategic plan goals: Goal I, Access, Fairness, and Diversity; Goal III, Modernization of Management and Administration; and Goal IV, Quality of Justice and Service to the Public.

Attachments and Links

None.