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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 Judicial Council written report, which was submitted for the Judicial Council's business meeting on July 18, 2025.

Overview of Committee Meetings

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee will have met on three occasions between the Judicial Council meetings on July 18, 2025, and October 24, 2025.

On August 18, 2025, the committee considered fiscal year (FY) 2025–26 allocation methodologies for (1) court-appointed juvenile dependency counsel, (2) the Pretrial Release Program, and (3) Proposition 36 implementation.

On September 4, 2025, the committee considered an allocation increase for the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Program for FY 2025–26. The committee also received an informational

presentation on the proposed amendments to the statute governing court-ordered debt collection and public comments concerning the amendments.

On October 23, 2025, the committee is scheduled to welcome new members and participate in an educational session on judicial branch funding. The committee will also discuss generally the schedule of anticipated committee business for the upcoming year.