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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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**Title**

Report to the Legislature: 2020–21 Trial  
Court Trust Fund Backfill Report, Quarter 1

**Agenda Item Type**

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### Executive Summary

The Budget Act of 2020, Item 0250-113-001, Provision 3, requires the Judicial Council to submit quarterly reports to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the estimated amount of General Fund required to backfill the Trial Court Trust Fund due to shortfalls in revenue to support trial court operations. This report is due no later than one month after the prior fiscal quarter. The first report is due in October 2020 for the reporting period of July through September 2020.

### Relevant Previous Council Action

This is the first quarterly report required under this statute. No previous council action has occurred.

### Analysis/Rationale

The Trial Court Trust Fund Backfill Report is required pursuant to the Budget Act of 2020, Item 0250-113-001, Provision 3, to be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The statute requires that the Judicial Council “submit quarterly reports that include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) the backfill required in the prior quarter based on the actual data, (b) the total backfill required under this item through the quarter covered by the report, (c) an updated estimate of the backfill required in the following quarter, and (d) an updated estimate of the total backfill required in the fiscal year.”

The report includes the prior quarter (April through June 2020) backfill required based on actual revenue receipts, and the total estimated backfill required for the quarter covered in the report (July through September), as well as an estimate of backfill for the following quarter (October through December) and the remainder of the 2020–21 fiscal year.

The backfill needs based on actuals and estimates are identified in the table below:

<b>Reporting Timeframe</b>	<b>Backfill Need</b> (\$ reported in Thousands)
Prior Quarter Actuals: April through June 2020	\$55,700
Reporting Quarter Estimate: July through September 2020	\$42,600
Following Quarter Estimate: October through December 2020	\$42,600
Estimate for the Fiscal Year: July 2020 through June 2021	\$170,400

The Budget Act of 2020 included a revenue backfill of \$273.8 million to support the Trial Court Trust Fund, which is the primary fund source for trial court operations. This represents \$90.9 million for 2019-20 and \$182.9 million for 2020–21. As part of the approval of the backfill, the Legislature also required the Judicial Council to report quarterly on the backfill need.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Funding Received</b> (\$ reported in Thousands)	<b>Funding Need</b> (\$ reported in Thousands)	<b>Difference</b> (\$ reported in Thousands)
2019-20	\$90,917	\$55,700	\$35,217
2020-21	\$182,844	\$170,400	\$12,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$273,761</b>	<b>\$226,100</b>	<b>\$47,661</b>

### **Fiscal Impact and Policy Implications**

No costs or operational impacts will result from the submission of this informational report to the Legislature.

### **Attachments and Links**

1. Attachment A: *2020-21 Trial Court Trust Fund Backfill Report, Quarter 1*



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Re: *2020–21 Trial Court Trust Fund Backfill Report, Quarter 1*, as required under the Budget Act of 2020, Item 0250-113-0001, Provision 3

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assembly Member Ting:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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