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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

For business meeting on May 24, 2018

## Title

Report to the Legislature: Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected None

## Recommended by

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## Agenda Item Type

Consent Agenda

## Effective Date

May 24, 2018

## Date of Report

March 29, 2018

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## Executive Summary

The Judicial Council's Court Interpreters Program recommends approving the annual report on trial court interpreter expenditures for submission to the Legislature and the Department of Finance. This report is required by the Budget Act of 2016 (Stats. 2016, ch. 23).

## Recommendation

The Judicial Council's Court Interpreters Program respectfully recommends that the Judicial Council, effective May 24, 2018:

1. Approve the report to the Legislature summarizing the fiscal year (FY) 2016-17 trial court interpreter expenditures as per the requirements of the Budget Act of 2016; and
2. Direct staff to submit the report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance.

The Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is included as Attachment A to this report.

## Relevant Previous Council Action

At the Judicial Council business meeting on March 24, 2017, the council approved the Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for submission to the Legislature, summarizing the FY 2015-16 trial court interpreter expenditures pursuant to the requirements of the Budget Act of 2015 (Stats. 2015, chs. 10 and 11), and directed submission of the report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance. The Judicial Council has approved all previous reports submitted in prior years. Copies of previous reports may be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

## Analysis/Rationale

The Budget Act of 2016, item 0250-101-0932, Schedule (4), provides an appropriation from the Trial Court Trust Fund for the services of court interpreters. Provision 3 states that "[ $t]$ he Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature and the Director of Finance annually regarding expenditures from Schedule (4)." In fulfillment of that provision, this report details trial court expenditures for court interpreters.

## Policy implications

There are no policy implications are associated with the approval of this report.

## Comments

This report was not circulated for comment.

## Alternatives considered

Preparation and submission of this report is mandated by the annual Budget Act, and thus no alternatives were considered.

## Fiscal and Operational Impacts

No costs or operational impacts are associated with the approval of this report.

## Attachments

1. Attachment A: Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2016-17

## ATTACHMENT A

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Report title: Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Statutory citation: Budget Act of 2016 (Stats. 2016, ch. 23)

Date of report: March 29, 2018
The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance in accordance with provision 3 of item 0250-1010932 of the Budget Act of 2016.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

The total appropriation for fiscal year (FY) 2016-17, including \$87,000 for maintenance of the Court Interpreters Data Collection System, was $\$ 103,458,000$, of which $\$ 103,371,000$ was available for reimbursement of eligible court interpreter expenditures.

The appropriation increased by $\$ 7,603,000$ over the prior year expenditure of $\$ 95,855,000$ to account for an increase in the cost of employee interpreter benefits and funds for expansion into civil proceedings. Total court interpreter expenditures reported for FY 201617 eligible for reimbursment from Trial Court Trust Fund Program 0150037 was $\$ 106,134,735$-an increase of $\$ 5,702,531$-representing a 5.68 percent increase over FY 2015-16. This exceeded the appropriation by $\$ 2,763,735$.

The increase in expenditures, paid for by surpluses in the interpreter budget over several years, may in part be attributed to an increased use of independent contract interpreters as courts continue to expand interpreter services in civil matters under Assembly Bill 1657 (Stats. 2014, ch. 721). For example, there was a $\$ 4,034,744$ increase in total contractor-related costs, representing a 20.70 percent increase over FY 2015-16.

The full report can be accessed here: www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-4288.


# Trial Court Interpreters Program Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2016-17 

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE MARCH 2018


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## I. Background

## Mandates to Provide Court Interpreting Services

Article I, section 14 of the California Constitution was amended in 1974 to provide that "[a] person unable to understand English who is charged with a crime has a right to an interpreter throughout the proceedings." This provision establishes a mandate for courts to provide interpreters in criminal matters to all defendants who have a limited ability to understand or speak English.

## Judicial Council and Legislative Actions

Effective January 1, 2015, Assembly Bill 1657 (Stats. 2014, ch. 721) specifies that a court may provide an interpreter in any civil action or proceeding at no cost to the parties, regardless of the income of the parties, and lists case types in priority and preference order to be used in allocating interpreter resources when courts have insufficient resources to provide interpreters for all limited English proficiency (LEP) persons in all case types. ${ }^{1}$

Also in January 2015, the Judicial Council approved and adopted the Strategic Plan for Language Access in the California Courts (Language Access Plan). Of the eight major goals identified in the Language Access Plan, Goal 2—Provide Qualified Language Access Services in All Judicial Proceedings, states: "By 2017, and beginning immediately where resources permit, qualified interpreters will be provided in the California courts to LEP court users in all courtroom proceedings and, by 2020, in all court-ordered, court-operated events." ${ }^{2}$

This report outlines the expenditures by court for reimbursable court interpreter services provided by the courts for fiscal year (FY) 2016-17. This report also provides an overview of the expenditures provided in civil cases reported by the courts. ${ }^{3}$

## Statutory Requirement to Report on Expenditures

The Budget Act of 2016 (Stats. 2016, ch. 23), item 0250-101-0932, Schedule (4), provides an appropriation from the Trial Court Trust Fund (TCTF) for the services of court interpreters. Provision 3 states that " $[t]$ he Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature and the Director of Finance annually regarding expenditures from Schedule (4)." Consistent with these requirements, this report details trial court expenditures for court interpreter services.

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## Trial Court Trust Fund Program 150037 Funding for FY 2016-17

- The total appropriation for FY 2016-17 for reimbursable court interpreter expenses, including $\$ 87,000$ for the maintenance of the Court Interpreter Data Collection System (CIDCS), was $\$ 103,458,000$.
- The FY 2016-17 appropriation exceeded the previous year's appropriation of $\$ 95,855,000$ by $\$ 7,603,000$.
- Of the total appropriation in FY 2016-17, $\$ 103,371,000$ was available to the courts for expenditures related to the provision of court interpreter services.
- The increased allocation of \$7,603,000 over FY 2015-16 accounted for court interpreter employee benefits as a result of collective bargaining efforts and provided funds for expansion into civil proceedings.
- The total statewide court interpreter expenditures incurred during FY 2016-17 eligible to be reimbursed from TCTF Program 150037 was $\$ 106,134,735$. (See Attachment 1 for a breakdown of expenditures by court.)
- Civil cases accounted for $\$ 5,354,269$ of the reported expenditures eligible for reimbursement. See Table 1.
- Court interpreter reimbursed expenditures increased by \$5,702,531 (5.68 percent) over FY 2015-16, and exceeded the appropriation by $\$ 2,763,735$.

Table 1. Expenditures by case type FY 2016-17

| Case Type | Amount | \% of Total Reimbursement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Criminal (mandated) | \$100,780,466 | 94.96 |
| 2. Domestic Violence-reported by courts | \$1,424,228 | 1.34 |
| o Domestic Violence and Family Law w/ DV | 1,137,685 |  |
| o Civil Harassment | 119,508 |  |
| o Elder Abuse | 9,985 |  |
| o Case type not specified | 157,050 |  |
| 3. Civil-reported by courts | \$3,930,041 | 3.70 |
| o Unlawful Detainer | 1,137,530 |  |
| o Parental Termination | 10,779 |  |
| o Conservatorship/Guardianship | 151,516 |  |
| o Custody/Visitation | 81,370 |  |
| o Other Family Law | 2,095,550 |  |
| o Other Civil | 322,513 |  |
| o Case type not specified | 130,783 |  |
| 4. Total Civil | \$5,354,269 |  |
| Court reimbursements (sum of 1 \& 4) | \$106,134,735 | 100 |
| Appropriation available to the courts FY 2015-16 | \$103,371,000 | (Does not include $\$ 87,000$ for CIDCS) |
| Amount over appropriation | \$2,763,735 |  |

## II. Allowable Expenditures

The following expenditures qualify for reimbursement under TCTF Program 150037:

- Contract court interpreters, including per diems (see section III) and travel;
- Certified and registered court interpreters employed by the courts, including salaries, benefits, and travel;
- Court interpreter coordinators who are certified or registered court interpreters, including salaries and benefits; ${ }^{4}$ and,
- Four court interpreter supervisor positions: two in Los Angeles County, one in Orange County, and one in San Diego County. These are the only positions funded under TCTF Program 150037 that include funding for standard operating expenses and equipment.


## III. Rates of Pay for Contract Court Interpreters

The Judicial Council first established statewide standards for contract court interpreter compensation in January 1999 at two defined levels, a full-day rate and a half-day rate.

## Certified and Registered Contract Court Interpreters

Effective September 1, 2007, the Judicial Council set the statewide standard pay rate for certified and registered independent contractor interpreters to $\$ 282.23$ for a full day and $\$ 156.56$ for a half day. The rate has remained unchanged since 2007.

## Noncertified and Nonregistered Contract Interpreters

The statewide standard rate for noncertified and nonregistered interpreters is $\$ 175$ for a full day and $\$ 92$ for a half day. The rate was established by the Judicial Council in July 1999.

Noncertified and nonregistered court interpreters who have not taken or passed the required examinations to become certified or registered court interpreters but who demonstrate language proficiency and meet the requirements in place for provisional qualification may be provisionally qualified by the court. They may be used when no certified or registered interpreter is available. ${ }^{5}$

[^1]Rates paid to contract interpreters often exceed the statewide standard because each assignment must be negotiated by the trial court and is subject to current market rates, travel and lodging expenditures, and supply and demand.

## Comparison With Federal Rates

Provision 3 of item 0250-101-0932 of the Budget Act of 2016 states, "[T]he Judicial Council shall set statewide or regional rates and policies for payment of court interpreters, not to exceed the rate paid to certified interpreters in the federal court system." The current federal rate for contract court interpreters is $\$ 418$ for a full day, $\$ 226$ for a half day for certified and registered interpreters, and $\$ 59$ per hour for overtime. The federal rate for noncertified and nonregistered interpreters is $\$ 202$ for a full day and $\$ 111$ for a half day. ${ }^{6}$

California employee court interpreters negotiate salaries, benefits, and working conditions regionally. The federal system relies almost exclusively on contract interpreters. In contrast, court interpreter assignments in California courts are largely performed by employee court interpreters as illustrated in Table 2.

## IV. Expenditures for Employee and Contract Interpreters

## Certified and Registered Employee and Contract Interpreters

Table 2 details reimbursed expenditures for employee-related and contract court interpreter costs. Total employee-related expenditures represented 77.84 percent of total interpreter reimbursements in FY 2016-17. Although total dollar expenditures increased, the proportionate share of employee-related interpreter costs versus contractors has decreased over the past three years.

Contract interpreter expenditures represented 22.16 percent of total reimbursements. As a percentage of total expenditures, contractor costs are higher than in previous years. This increase may be due to the expansion of interpreter services to cases in civil matters, where interpretation of languages of lesser diffusion, as well as languages not provided by current employees, is required. It should be noted that expenditures for all contract interpreters increased by $\$ 4,034,744$ (20.70 percent) versus a $\$ 1,667,786$ increase ( 2.06 percent) for court employees. (See Attachment 1.)

[^2]Table 2. Expenditures for certified and registered employee and contract interpreters ${ }^{7}$

| Fiscal Year | $2012-13$ | $2013-14$ | $2014-15$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5 - 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Employee- <br> Related Expenditures | $\$ 73,871,935$ | $\$ 75,939,519$ | $\$ 78,573,771$ | $\$ 80,942,575$ | $\$ 82,610,361$ |
| \% of Total | $\mathbf{8 4 . 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 . 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 3 . 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{8 0 . 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 7 . 8 4}$ |
| Total Contractor <br> Expenditures | $\$ 13,936,585$ | $\$ 14,089,215$ | $\$ 15,934,550$ | $\$ 19,489,630$ | $\$ 23,524,630$ |
| \% of Total | $\mathbf{1 5 . 8 7}$ | 15.65 | $\mathbf{1 6 . 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 1 6}$ |
| Total Expenditures | $\$ 87,808,520$ | $\$ 90,028,734$ | $\$ 94,508,321$ | $\$ 100,432,204$ | $\$ 106,134,735$ |
| \% Change Over Prior <br> Year | $\mathbf{- 1 . 5 5 *}$ | 5.31 | $\mathbf{2 . 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 2 7}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 6 8}$ |
| *FY 2011-12 reimbursements: $\$ 89,187,485$ |  |  |  |  |  |

* FY 2011-12 reimbursements: \$89,187,485.


## Noncertified and Nonregistered Contract Interpreters

During FY 2016-17, statewide expenditures for noncertified and nonregistered contract interpreters equaled $\$ 3,580,783$, or 3.37 percent of total statewide expenditures.
Table 3 illustrates annual statewide expenditures over the past five years (excluding travel) for noncertified and nonregistered interpreters, and the percent of the total reimbursements for court interpreter services.

Table 3. Expenditures for noncertified and nonregistered contract interpreters

| Fiscal Year | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2 - 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3 - 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 - 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5 - 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 - 1 7}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Noncertified | $\$ 1,338,401$ | $\$ 1,233,769$ | $\$ 1,493,856$ | $\$ 1,844,648$ | $\$ 2,312,752$ |
| Expenditures | $1.52 \%$ | $1.37 \%$ | $1.58 \%$ | $1.81 \%$ | $2.18 \%$ |
| Nonregistered | $\$ 681,188$ | $\$ 745,004$ | $\$ 922,538$ | $\$ 1007,345$ | $\$ 1,267,986$ |
| Expenditures | $0.78 \%$ | $0.83 \%$ | $0.98 \%$ | $1.00 \%$ | $1.19 \%$ |
| Combined | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 0 1 9 , 5 8 9}$ | $\$ 1,978, \mathbf{7 3 3}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 4 1 6 , 3 9 4}$ | $\$ 2,851,993$ | $\$ 3,580, \mathbf{7 8 3}$ |
| Expenditures | $\mathbf{2 . 3 0} \%$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 5 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 8 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 3 7 \%}$ |

[^3]Table 4 lists the top 10 court reimbursements for allowable court interpreter expenditures incurred in FY 2016-17 as compared to those in FY 2015-16.

Table 4. Distribution of reimbursed expenditures to top 10 courts

| Superior Court | FY 2016-17 Reimbursed Expenditures (\$) | FY 2016-17 <br> \% of Statewide Total | FY 2015-16 Reimbursed Expenditures (\$) | FY 2015-16 <br> \% of Statewide Total | \$ Change vs. FY 2016-17 | \% Change vs. FY 2016-17 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Los Angeles | 35,572,597 | 33.52 | 34,277,745 | 34.13 | 1,294,852 | 3.78 |
| Orange | 9,949,977 | 9.37 | 9,489,872 | 9.45 | 460,105 | 4.85 |
| San Diego | 5,707,460 | 5.38 | 5,504,139 | 5.48 | 203,321 | 3.69 |
| Santa Clara | 5,642,590 | 5.32 | 3,912,593 | 4.96 | 1,729,997 | 44.22 |
| San Bernardino | 5,380,676 | 5.07 | 4,982,3087 | 4.44 | 398,368 | 8.00 |
| Riverside | 4,983,660 | 4.70 | 4,250,595 | 3.90 | 733,065 | 17.25 |
| Alameda | 4,478,964 | 4.22 | 4,456,297 | 3.51 | 22,667 | 0.51 |
| Sacramento | 3,368,510 | 3.17 | 3,520,238 | 4.23 | -151,728 | -4.31 |
| San Francisco | 3,237,672 | 3.05 | 2,905,107 | 2.89 | 332,565 | 11.45 |
| Kern | 3,029,399 | 2.85 | 2,769,676 | 2.76 | 259,723 | 9.38 |
| Subtotal | \$81,351,504 | 76.65\% | \$76,068,569 | 75.74\% | \$5,282,934 | 6.94\% |
| Remaining Courts | 24,783,231 | 23.35 | 24,363,634 | 24.26 | 419,597 | 1.72 |
| Statewide Total | \$106,134,735 | 100.00\% | \$100,432,204 | 100.00\% | \$5,702,531 | 5.68\% |

## VI. Conclusion

In FY 2016-17, the state appropriation fell short in providing the courts with full reimbursement of their reported allowable court interpreter expenditures. Currently, reimbursements that exceed the appropriation are absorbed by the cumulative savings in the TCTF Program 150037 fund. It is anticipated that as courts continue to expand services to include all civil proceedings, and with ongoing collective bargaining agreements resulting in higher salaries and benefits and the increased use of contract interpreters, we will continue to see increases in expenditures for the use of court interpreters.

## VII. Attachments

1. FY 2016-17 Total Trial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures—All Case Types
2. FY 2016-17 Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures-Civil Cases

FY 2016-17 TotalTrial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures All CaseTypes

| Courts | All Cases -- Reimbursed Employee-Related Interpreter Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Staff <br> Interpreter <br>  <br> Benefits | Staff Interpreter Travel | Staff Cross Assignments | Total Staff Interpreter Salaries, Benefits \& Travel | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { CIP } \\ \text { Arbitration } \\ \text { Awards } \end{array}$ | Interpreter <br> Coordinator <br> Reimbursed <br> Amount | Supervisor <br> Salaries, <br>  <br> OE\&E <br> (\$12,500/FTE) | Total <br> Employee- <br> Related Costs |
| Alameda | 3,244,590 | 24,788 | - | 3,269,378 | - | 406,660 | - | 3,676,038 |
| Alpine | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Amador | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Butte | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Calaveras | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Colusa | - | 240 | - | 240 | - | - | - | 240 |
| Contra Costa | 1,449,648 | 2,084 | - | 1,451,733 | - | 105,730 | - | 1,557,463 |
| Del Norte | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| El Dorado | 130,838 | 7,281 | - | 138,119 | - | - | - | 138,119 |
| Fresno | 1,205,732 | 7,112 | 43,720 | 1,256,564 | - | 152,539 | - | 1,409,103 |
| Glenn | - | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | - | 5 |
| Humboldt | 105,280 | 154 | - | 105,434 | - | - | - | 105,434 |
| Imperial | 460,811 | 490 | - | 461,301 | - | - | - | 461,301 |
| Inyo | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kern | 2,412,913 | 8,451 | - | 2,421,364 | - | - | - | 2,421,364 |
| Kings | 207,110 | - | - | 207,110 | - | - | - | 207,110 |
| Lake | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lassen | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Los Angeles | 33,079,476 | 39,128 | 185,869 | 33,304,472 | - | - | 275,874 | 33,580,346 |
| Madera | 374,593 | - | - | 374,593 | - | - | - | 374,593 |
| Marin | 365,087 | 438 | - | 365,525 | - | - | - | 365,525 |
| Mariposa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mendocino | 125,566 | 108 | - | 125,674 | - | - | - | 125,674 |
| Merced | 417,035 | 1,069 | - | 418,104 | - | - | - | 418,104 |
| Modoc | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mono | 23,453 | - | - | 23,453 | - | - | - | 23,453 |
| Monterey | 684,835 | 29 | - | 684,864 | - | - | - | 684,864 |
| Napa | 267,626 | - | - | 267,626 | - | - | - | 267,626 |
| Nevada | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Orange | 7,702,429 | 3,132 | 57,016 | 7,762,577 | - | - | 164,179 | 7,926,756 |
| Placer | 219,975 | - | - | 219,975 | - | - | - | 219,975 |
| Plumas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Riverside | 4,158,695 | 3,584 | - | 4,162,279 | - | - | - | 4,162,279 |
| Sacramento | 2,553,574 | 8,572 | 261,547 | 2,823,694 | - | - | - | 2,823,694 | All CaseTypes


| Courts | All Cases -- Reimbursed Employee-Related Interpreter Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Staff <br> Interpreter Salaries \& Benefits | Staff <br> Interpreter <br> Travel | Staff Cross Assignments | Total Staff Interpreter Salaries, Benefits \& Travel | CIP <br> Arbitration <br> Awards | Interpreter <br> Coordinator <br> Reimbursed <br> Amount | Supervisor Salaries, Benefits \& OE\&E (\$12,500/FTE) | Total EmployeeRelated Costs |
| San Benito |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| San Bernardino | 4,684,755 | 2,047 | 26,014 | 4,712,816 | - | 168,409 | - | 4,881,225 |
| San Diego | 4,476,226 | 3,661 | 20,629 | 4,500,517 | - | - | 93,944 | 4,594,461 |
| San Francisco | 1,773,380 | 86 | 9,410 | 1,782,876 | - | - | - | 1,782,876 |
| San Joaquin | 878,839 | 322 | 61,059 | 940,221 | - | - | - | 940,221 |
| San Luis Obispo | 533,009 | 621 | - | 533,630 | - | - | - | 533,630 |
| San Mateo | 1,100,612 | 691 | - | 1,101,303 | - | - | - | 1,101,303 |
| Santa Barbara | 1,321,709 | 6,360 | - | 1,328,069 | - | - | - | 1,328,069 |
| Santa Clara | 2,651,028 | 1,980 | 51,169 | 2,704,177 | - | - | - | 2,704,177 |
| Santa Cruz | 730,811 | - | - | 730,811 | - | - | - | 730,811 |
| Shasta | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Sierra | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Siskiyou | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Solano | 232,211 | 549 | - | 232,760 | - | 41,911 | - | 274,671 |
| Sonoma | 822,612 | 10 | 975 | 823,597 | - | - | - | 823,597 |
| Stanislaus | 226,450 | 256 | - | 226,705 | - | - | - | 226,705 |
| Sutter | 168,062 | 403 | - | 168,465 | - | - | - | 168,465 |
| Tehama | 113,943 | - | - | 113,943 | - | - | - | 113,943 |
| Trinity | - | 674 | - | 674 | - | - | - | 674 |
| Tulare | 387,344 | - | - | 387,344 | - | - | - | 387,344 |
| Tuolumne | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ventura | 804,914 | - | - | 804,914 | - | 114,158 | - | 919,072 |
| Yolo | 84,202 | - | - | 84,202 | - | 65,849 | - | 150,051 |
| Yuba | - | - | - | - |  |  |  | - |
| Total: | 80,179,374 | 124,325 | 717,410 | 81,021,109 | - | 1,055,255 | 533,997 | 82,610,361 |

FY 2016-17 TotalTrial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures All CaseTypes

| Courts | All Cases -- Reimbursed Contractor-Related Interpreter Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Registered Contractor Per Diems | Certified <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | Non- <br> Registered <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | NonCertified Contractor Per Diems | ASL <br> Contractor Per Diems | Telephonic Interpreting | Court Interpreter Services | Total Contractor Per Diems | Contractor <br> Travel, <br> Mileage, <br>  <br> Lodging | Total <br> Contractor- <br> Related Costs | All Cases Total <br> Reimbursed Expenditures |
| Alameda | 58,241 | 280,734 | 105,537 | 98,057 | 114,215 | - | - | 656,785 | 146,141 | 802,925 | 4,478,964 |
| Alpine | - | - | - | - | - | 438 | - | 438 |  | 438 | 438 |
| Amador | - | 12,574 | - | - | 206 | - | - | 12,780 | 12,336 | 25,116 | 25,116 |
| Butte | 3,636 | 80,387 | - | 1,939 | 3,664 | 484 | - | 90,110 | 106,661 | 196,771 | 196,771 |
| Calaveras | - | 2,365 | 157 | 3,256 | - | - | - | 5,778 | 5,213 | 10,990 | 10,990 |
| Colusa | - | 66,092 | 157 | - | - | 949 | - | 67,198 | 26,389 | 93,587 | 93,827 |
| Contra Costa | 48,898 | 529,583 | 27,622 | 115,694 | - | 1,721 | - | 723,520 | 67,688 | 791,207 | 2,348,670 |
| Del Norte | - | 26,402 | - | - | - | - | - | 26,402 | 7,954 | 34,355 | 34,355 |
| El Dorado | - | 28,118 | - | - | - | 133 | - | 28,252 | 14,328 | 42,580 | 180,699 |
| Fresno | 11,849 | 267,067 | 10,679 | 98,908 | 43,122 | - | - | 431,625 | 238,264 | 669,889 | 2,078,992 |
| Glenn | - | 24,584 | - | 19,328 | - | - | - | 43,912 | 20,624 | 64,536 | 64,541 |
| Humboldt | - | 23,445 | - | - | - | 454 | - | 23,899 | 46,774 | 70,673 | 176,107 |
| Imperial | - | 38,739 | - | 847 | - | 249 | - | 39,834 | 7,216 | 47,050 | 508,351 |
| Inyo | - | 21,528 | - | - | - | 606 | - | 22,135 | 11,685 | 33,819 | 33,819 |
| Kern | 45,749 | 269,196 | 5,811 | 68,570 | 106,839 | - | - | 496,164 | 111,870 | 608,034 | 3,029,399 |
| Kings | - | 161,065 | 11,879 | - | 3,144 | - | - | 176,089 | 37,149 | 213,238 | 420,348 |
| Lake | - | 94,507 | - | - | 470 | - | - | 94,977 | 29,328 | 124,304 | 124,304 |
| Lassen | (683) | 5,927 | - | 1,668 | - | - | 207 | 7,120 | 10,933 | 18,052 | 18,052 |
| Los Angeles | 230,836 | 552,976 | 291,032 | 356,238 | 254,540 | 1,248 | - | 1,686,870 | 305,381 | 1,992,251 | 35,572,597 |
| Madera | - | 83,760 | - | 45,834 | - | - | - | 129,594 | 56,737 | 186,331 | 560,924 |
| Marin | - | 72,300 | - | 11,954 | - | - | - | 84,254 | 16,637 | 100,891 | 466,416 |
| Mariposa | - | 10,331 | 276 | 267 | 1,529 | - | - | 12,403 | 16,781 | 29,184 | 29,184 |
| Mendocino | 19,128 | 45,727 | - | - | 4,634 | - | - | 69,489 | 103,095 | 172,584 | 298,257 |
| Merced | 10,275 | 172,607 | 3,790 | 17,094 | 22,712 | - | 1,930 | 228,408 | 159,993 | 388,401 | 806,505 |
| Modoc | - | 282 | 3,885 | - | - | - | - | 4,167 | 890 | 5,058 | 5,058 |
| Mono | - | 600 | - | 1,200 | - | - | - | 1,800 | 3,397 | 5,197 | 28,650 |
| Monterey | 25,828 | 113,594 | 55,894 | 100,248 | 14,355 | - | - | 309,919 | 31,333 | 341,251 | 1,026,115 |
| Napa | - | 270,428 | - | - | - | - | - | 270,428 | 48,576 | 319,004 | 586,630 |
| Nevada | 2,523 | 22,975 | - | - | 1,163 | 730 |  | 27,391 | 6,396 | 33,788 | 33,788 |
| Orange | 144,664 | 1,203,959 | 98,743 | 179,791 | 320,674 | - | - | 1,947,829 | 75,392 | 2,023,222 | 9,949,977 |
| Placer | 23,949 | 83,265 | 8,334 | 40,979 | 9,370 | 110 | - | 166,008 | 76,155 | 242,162 | 462,137 |
| Plumas | 1,209 | 2,502 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,711 | 8,764 | 12,475 | 12,475 |
| Riverside | 36,210 | 306,165 | 14,301 | 53,958 | 106,170 | 825 | - | 517,630 | 303,751 | 821,381 | 4,983,660 |
| Sacramento | 104,528 | 186,120 | 50,805 | 77,566 | 7,312 | - | - | 426,332 | 118,485 | 544,817 | 3,368,510 |

FY 2016-17 TotalTrial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures All CaseTypes

| Courts | All Cases -- Reimbursed Contractor-Related Interpreter Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Registered <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | Certified <br> Contractor Per Diems | Non- <br> Registered <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | Non- <br> Certified <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | ASL <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | Telephonic Interpreting | Court Interpreter Services | Total <br> Contractor Per Diems | Contractor <br> Travel, <br> Mileage, <br>  <br> Lodging | Total <br> Contractor- <br> Related Costs | All Cases <br> Total <br> Reimbursed <br> Expenditures |
| San Benito | - | 91,170 |  | 5,305 | - | - | - | 96,475 | - | 96,475 | 96,475 |
| San Bernardino | 38,408 | 156,096 | 49,504 | 25,206 | 182,624 | 257 | - | 452,095 | 47,356 | 499,451 | 5,380,676 |
| San Diego | 126,763 | 549,117 | 97,306 | 149,180 | 156 | 894 | - | 923,416 | 189,583 | 1,112,999 | 5,707,460 |
| San Francisco | 91,979 | 889,734 | 56,471 | 174,876 | 84,930 | - | - | 1,297,990 | 156,807 | 1,454,796 | 3,237,672 |
| San Joaquin | 36,594 | 336,227 | 26,633 | 56,841 | - | - | - | 456,295 | 75,098 | 531,393 | 1,471,614 |
| San Luis Obispo | 8,434 | 31,745 | 1,819 | - | 45,710 | - |  | 87,708 | 33,704 | 121,412 | 655,042 |
| San Mateo | 34,508 | 362,780 | 14,801 | 87,677 | 15,351 | 50 | - | 515,165 | 163,574 | 678,739 | 1,780,042 |
| Santa Barbara | 16,046 | 172,805 | 135,977 | 4,425 | 29,067 | 222 | - | 358,542 | 88,254 | 446,796 | 1,774,865 |
| Santa Clara | 39,366 | 1,560,952 | 82,173 | 146,587 | 128,364 | - | - | 1,957,442 | 980,970 | 2,938,412 | 5,642,590 |
| Santa Cruz | 11,263 | 10,324 | 1,365 | 1,208 | 13,600 | - | - | 37,761 | 10,716 | 48,477 | 779,289 |
| Shasta | 31,682 | 52,262 | - | 25,197 | 12,228 | 35 | - | 121,404 | 131,939 | 253,343 | 253,343 |
| Sierra | - | 910 | - | - | - | - | 5,849 | 6,759 | 191 | 6,949 | 6,949 |
| Siskiyou | - | 41,974 | - | 175 | - | 333 | - | 42,483 | 26,604 | 69,086 | 69,086 |
| Solano | 12,158 | 126,149 | 10,697 | 53,009 | 25,346 | - | - | 227,359 | 20,414 | 247,772 | 522,443 |
| Sonoma | 16,045 | 147,525 | 3,812 | 17,525 | 25,773 | 299 | - | 210,979 | 34,580 | 245,559 | 1,069,155 |
| Stanislaus | 16,001 | 135,728 | 5,720 | 58,493 | 6,357 | - | 339,304 | 561,603 | 177,481 | 739,084 | 965,789 |
| Sutter | 2,474 | 50,711 | 2,272 | 30,485 | 6,112 | - | - | 92,054 | 65,492 | 157,547 | 326,012 |
| Tehama | 2,958 | 1,003 | - | - | 282 | - | - | 4,243 | 4,172 | 8,414 | 122,357 |
| Trinity | 1,912 | 6,765 | - | - | - | - | - | 8,678 | 5,569 | 14,247 | 14,921 |
| Tulare | 42,472 | 864,318 | 34,363 | 94,200 | 17,689 | - | - | 1,053,041 | 221,749 | 1,274,790 | 1,662,134 |
| Tuolumne | - | 3,083 | - | 15,188 | 564 | - | - | 18,835 | 6,236 | 25,071 | 25,071 |
| Ventura | 28,946 | 648,794 | 48,400 | 59,624 | - | - | - | 785,764 | 72,649 | 858,413 | 1,777,484 |
| Yolo | 13,759 | 329,701 | 6,898 | 13,668 | 24,390 | 376 | - | 388,792 | 186,418 | 575,210 | 725,261 |
| Yuba | 13,712 | 19,810 | 875 | 488 | - | 1,267 | - | 36,152 | 18,223 | 54,375 | 54,375 |
| Total: | 1,352,321 | 11,649,590 | 1,267,986 | 2,312,752 | 1,632,662 | 11,682 | 347,290 | 18,574,284 | 4,950,090 | 23,524,374 | 106,134,735 |

Trial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures Civil Cases

| Court | Staff Interpreter Salaries \& Benefits | Staff Interpreter Travel | Total Staff Interpreter Salaries, Benefits \& Travel | Total EmployeeRelated Costs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alameda | - | - | - | - |
| Amador | - | - | - | - |
| Butte | - | - | - | - |
| Contra Costa | - | - | - | - |
| El Dorado | - | - | - | - |
| Fresno | - | - | - | - |
| Glenn | - | - | - | - |
| Humboldt | - | - | - | - |
| Imperial | 51,254 | - | 51,254 | 51,254 |
| Inyo | - | - | - | - |
| Kern | - | - | - | - |
| Kings | 1,418 | - | 1,418 | 1,418 |
| Los Angeles | 2,858,885 | - | 2,858,885 | 2,858,885 |
| Madera | - | - | - | - |
| Mendocino | - | - | - | - |
| Merced | - | - | - | - |
| Mono | - | - | - | - |
| Napa | 13,801 | - | 13,801 | 13,801 |
| Orange | 115,660 | - | 115,660 | 115,660 |
| Placer | 1,036 | - | 1,036 | 1,036 |
| Plumas | - | - | - | - |
| Riverside | 227,759 | - | 227,759 | 227,759 |
| Sacramento | 23,752 | - | 23,752 | 23,752 |
| San Bernardino | 90,522 | - | 90,522 | 90,522 |
| San Diego | 10,095 | - | 10,095 | 10,095 |
| San Francisco | - | - | - | - |
| San Joaquin | 27,401 | - | 27,401 | 27,401 |
| San Luis Obispo | - | - | - | - |
| San Mateo | - | - | - | - |
| Santa Barbara | - | - | - | - |
| Santa Clara | 181,381 | - | 181,381 | 181,381 |
| Santa Cruz | 3,049 | - | 3,049 | 3,049 |
| Shasta | - | - | - | - |
| Siskiyou | - | - | - | - |
| Solano | - | - | - | - |
| Sonoma | 18,697 | - | 18,697 | 18,697 |

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Trial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures Civil Cases

|  | Staff <br> Interpreter <br>  <br> Benefits | Staff <br> Interpreter <br> Travel | Total Staff <br> Interpreter <br> Salaries, <br>  <br> Travel | Total <br> Employee- <br> Related Costs |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Court | 705 | - | 705 | 705 |
| Stanislaus | - | 48 | 48 | 48 |
| Sutter | - | - | - | - |
| Tulare | - | - | - | - |
| Tuolumne | - | - | - | - |
| Ventura | - | - | - | - |
| Yolo | - | - | - | - |
| Yuba | $\mathbf{-}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 6 2 5 , 4 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 6 2 5 , 4 6 4}$ |
| Total: | $\mathbf{3 , 6 2 5 , 4 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |  |  |

Trial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures Civil Cases

| Court | Registered Contractor Per Diems | Certified <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | NonRegistered Contractor Per Diems | Non- <br> Certified <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | ASL Contractor Per Diems | Telephonic Interpreting | Court Interpreter Services | Total Contractor Per Diems | Contractor <br> Travel, <br> Mileage, <br>  <br> Lodging | Total ContractorRelated Costs | Civil Cases Total Reimbursed Expenditures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alameda | 1,328 | 4,079 | 4,292 | 2,636 | - | - | - | 12,336 | 2,968 | 15,303 | 15,303 |
| Amador | - | 2,970 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,970 | 2,307 | 5,278 | 5,278 |
| Butte | 157 | 1,228 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,384 | 2,086 | 3,470 | 3,470 |
| Contra Costa | 5,779 | 109,688 | 5,451 | 19,496 | - | - | - | 140,414 | 12,798 | 153,212 | 153,212 |
| El Dorado | - | 1,844 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,844 | 1,037 | 2,881 | 2,881 |
| Fresno | 721 | 6,696 | 350 | 29,375 | - | - | - | 37,143 | 329 | 37,472 | 37,472 |
| Glenn | - | - | - | 1,328 | - | - | - | 1,328 | 788 | 2,116 | 2,116 |
| Humboldt | - | 947 | - | - | - | - | - | 947 | 1,726 | 2,673 | 2,673 |
| Imperial | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 51,254 |
| Inyo | - | 5,757 | - | - | - | - | - | 5,757 | 3,219 | 8,976 | 8,976 |
| Kern | - | 170,760 | - | - | - | - | - | 170,760 | - | 170,760 | 170,760 |
| Kings | - | 2,458 | 362 | - | - | - | - | 2,820 | 442 | 3,263 | 4,681 |
| Los Angeles | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,858,885 |
| Madera | - | 8,183 | - | 1,650 | - | - | - | 9,833 | 3,356 | 13,189 | 13,189 |
| Mendocino | 623 | 4,665 | - | - | 861 | - | - | 6,148 | 10,766 | 16,914 | 16,914 |
| Merced | - | 8,687 | - | 513 | 1,003 | - | - | 10,203 | 5,641 | 15,844 | 15,844 |
| Mono | - | - | - | 285 | - | - | - | 285 | - | 285 | 285 |
| Napa | - | 14,594 | - | - | - | - | - | 14,594 | 313 | 14,907 | 28,708 |
| Orange | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |  | 115,660 |
| Placer | 2,297 | 9,558 | - | 7,872 | 4,611 | - | - | 24,338 | 12,243 | 36,581 | 37,617 |
| Plumas | 604 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 604 | 1,538 | 2,142 | 2,142 |
| Riverside | 2,733 | 13,586 | 1,550 | 5,435 | 2,100 | - | - | 25,404 | 11,301 | 36,705 | 264,464 |
| Sacramento | 9,864 | 24,626 | 4,706 | 27,387 | 744 | - | - | 67,326 | 18,538 | 85,864 | 109,616 |
| San Bernardino | 1,654 | 8,494 | 1,407 | 1,309 | - | - | - | 12,863 | 1,629 | 14,493 | 105,015 |
| San Diego | 5,163 | 10,836 | 2,209 | 7,543 | - | - | - | 25,750 | - | 25,750 | 35,845 |
| San Francisco | 18,368 | 146,867 | 8,277 | 122,065 | 40,600 | - | - | 336,177 | 40,363 | 376,540 | 376,540 |
| San Joaquin | 3,235 | 38,251 | 2,582 | 4,866 | - | - | - | 48,933 | 8,201 | 57,134 | 84,536 |
| San Luis Obispo | 400 | 2,099 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,499 | - | 2,499 | 2,499 |
| San Mateo | 836 | 42,316 | 762 | 5,969 | 2,047 | - | - | 51,929 | 27,258 | 79,188 | 79,188 |
| Santa Barbara | 250 | 26,730 | 2,803 | 180 | 7,521 | - | - | 37,484 | 5,650 | 43,134 | 43,134 |
| Santa Clara | 4,088 | 57,793 | 10,054 | 21,363 | 7,961 | - | - | 101,258 | 14,392 | 115,650 | 297,031 |
| Santa Cruz | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,049 |
| Shasta | 5,267 | 19,859 | - | 6,697 | 6,233 | - | - | 38,056 | 44,498 | 82,554 | 82,554 |
| Siskiyou | - | 313 | - | - | - | - | - | 313 | - | 313 | 313 |
| Solano | 2,223 | 16,584 | 2,283 | 14,219 | 5,268 | - | - | 40,577 | 4,915 | 45,492 | 45,492 |
| Sonoma | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18,697 |

Trial Court Interpreter Reimbursed Expenditures
Civil Cases

| Court | Registered Contractor Per Diems | Certified <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | Non- <br> Registered <br> Contractor <br> Per Diems | NonCertified Contractor Per Diems | ASL <br> Contractor Per Diems | Telephonic Interpreting | Court Interpreter Services | Total Contractor Per Diems | Contractor <br> Travel, <br> Mileage, <br>  <br> Lodging | Total ContractorRelated Costs | Civil Cases <br> Total <br> Reimbursed <br> Expenditures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stanislaus | 2,805 | 15,569 | 353 | 2,381 | 500 | - | 24,059 | 45,667 | 18,048 | 63,715 | 64,420 |
| Sutter | - | 6,135 | 1,988 | 7,661 | 157 | - | - | 15,940 | 9,632 | 25,572 | 25,620 |
| Tulare | - | 2,971 | 263 | - | - | - |  | 3,233 | 1,222 | 4,455 | 4,455 |
| Tuolumne | - | 278 | - | 526 | 564 | - |  | 1,368 | 439 | 1,807 | 1,807 |
| Ventura | 3,405 | 113,358 | 9,710 | 11,369 | - | - |  | 137,841 | 13,210 | 151,051 | 151,051 |
| Yolo | 157 | 4,645 | - | 157 | - | 376 | - | 5,334 | - | 5,334 | 5,334 |
| Yuba | 470 | 3,086 | - | - | - | 403 | - | 3,959 | 2,330 | 6,289 | 6,289 |
| Total: | 72,425 | 906,509 | 59,400 | 302,281 | 80,169 | 779 | 24,059 | 1,445,622 | 283,184 | 1,728,805 | 5,354,269 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ For the full text of AB 1657, see http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id $=201320140$ AB1657.
    ${ }^{2}$ The Language Access Plan is available at www.courts.ca.gov/languageaccess.htm.
    ${ }^{3}$ Under federal law, individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and who require sign language interpreters must receive court interpreter services at no cost in all court proceedings.

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ Limited by item 0250-101-0932, provision 3, of the Budget Act of 2014 to 1.0 personnel year (PY) each for counties in classes $1-15,0.5$ PY each for counties in classes 16-31, and 0.25 PY each for counties in classes 32-58. The Budget Act of 2014 defines county classes based on size of population: counties in classes $1-15$ have populations of more than 500,000; classes 16-31 have populations between 130,000 and 500,000; and classes 32-58 have populations of fewer than 130,000.
    ${ }^{5}$ The court is required to appoint a certified interpreter to interpret in a language designated by the Judicial Council. (Gov. Code, § 68561.) The court is required to appoint a registered interpreter to interpret in a language not designated by the Judicial Council. The court may appoint a noncertified interpreter if the court (1) on the record finds good cause to appoint a noncertified interpreter and finds the interpreter to be qualified, and (2) follows the procedures adopted by the Judicial Council. (Gov. Code, §§ 68561(c), 68564(d) and (e); Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.893.) The court may appoint nonregistered interpreters only if (1) a registered interpreter is unavailable and (2) the good cause qualifications and procedures adopted by the Judicial Council under Government Code section 68561(c) have been followed. (See Gov. Code, § 71802(b)(1) and (d).)

[^2]:    ${ }^{6}$ Federal rates of pay for court interpreters are available at www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts
    /UnderstandingtheFederalCourts/DistrictCourts/CourtInterpreters/ContractInterpretersFees.aspx.

[^3]:    ${ }^{7}$ Table 2 and table 3 expenditures for FY 2013-14 do not include \$2,442,546 for court interpreter services for appearances in domestic violence cases, family law cases with a domestic violence issue, elder or dependent adult abuse cases, or for expenditures for indigent parties in civil cases as authorized by the Judicial Council in January 2014 and later updated in light of the enactment of AB 1657. Itemization by interpreter category was not available for purposes of this analysis.

