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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.16, the Technology Committee oversees the council's policies concerning information technology. The committee assists the council by providing technology recommendations focusing on the establishment of policies that emphasize long-term strategic leadership and that align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for determining that council policies are complied with on specific projects approved and funded by the council and that those projects proceed on schedule and within scope and budget.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the March 2020 Judicial Council meeting, the committee met by conference call on March 9 and May 11, and conducted one action by e-mail on April 1.

Budget Change Proposals and Concepts

At the March 9 open meeting, the committee reviewed and ranked technology-related budget change proposals and concepts for submission to the Budget Committee for its final ranking and consideration. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee met again on May 11 in an open meeting to review and rank those proposals in light of changing budgetary forecasts.

Proposed Legislation

The committee reviewed a proposal to circulate for public comment that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation to create Code of Civil Procedure Section 367.7. The proposed code section would provide general statutory authority for courts to allow video appearances in all civil actions and proceedings. The committee determined that the legislation supports the strategic technology goals of the judicial branch, and unanimously approved circulating the proposal for public comment.

Collaboration with Courts Related to Technology

The committee reviewed the final report and recommendations from the Information Technology Advisory Committee's IT Community Development Workstream related to collaboration in the area of technology.

Jury Management System Grant Program

The committee also conducted an action by e-mail on April 1 to consider the recommended allocations for the Jury Management System Grant program for FY 2019 – 2020. The budget for the Jury System Grant Program is funded by royalties from selling jury instructions, which are deposited in the Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund. These funds can only be used for jury-related projects. Funding allocations were proposed based on the objectives of the program, prioritization categories, funding metrics, and other considerations. The committee reviewed and approved the request.