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Executive Summary

The Judicial Branch Budget Committee assists the Judicial Council on the branch budget. The committee reviews and makes recommendations annually to the council on submitted budget change proposals. The committee reviews and makes recommendations on the use of statewide emergency funding for the judicial branch; reviews and makes recommendations on the Innovations Grant Program; and acts on other assignments as referred to it by the council.

Overview of Committee Meetings

On April 21, 2020, the committee met by conference call. During that meeting the committee began the budget change proposal development process.

2021-22 Budget Change Concepts

As its first step in consideration of 2021-22 Budget Change Concepts, the Budget Committee was provided an overview of the current fiscal condition of the state and an overview of a total of 24 concepts by staff. Because of the budget situation, during the discussion on the technology related concepts, it was announced that the Judicial Council Technology Committee had opted to reprioritize its requests and will return at the May meeting with its highest priority items.

The committee approved six concepts for further refinement for consideration by other advisory bodies prior to the May Budget Committee meeting. At that meeting, the committee will make final recommendations on budget change proposals that will be considered by the Judicial Council at its July meeting. In addition, the Budget Committee will hear reprioritized Information Technology requests from the Judicial Council Technology Committee.

However, as the May Budget Committee meeting will be scheduled after the Governor releases the May Revision to the 2020-21 budget there is potential for revised consideration of all requests.

Innovations Grant

The Budget Committee also heard requested changes from various grantees on the innovation grants program and received a status report on the grant program.

In addition, there is an informational item for the 2nd Quarter report on the Court Innovations Grant program on the agenda as item 20-096. This report summarizes activities of the Judicial Council's Court Innovations Grant Program during the second quarter of fiscal year 2019-20.

A few program highlights are included in the report for the member's reference. And there will be continued updates provided.