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Judicial Workload Assessment: Preliminary 2018 Update of the Judicial Needs Assessment

Summary

The Need for New Judgeships in the Superior Courts: Preliminary 2018 Update of the Judicial Needs Assessment, a report to the Legislature required by Government Code section 69614(c)(1), shows that 127 new judicial officers are needed based on workload. This analysis is based on judicial caseweights that were established in 2011 and are in the process of being updated; as a result, the workload measures will not reflect many factors that have changed judicial workload since 2011. The analysis will be updated and resubmitted to the council once the new workload measures are finalized in mid-2019. This report also includes information about the conversion of additional subordinate judicial officers to fulfill the reporting requirement of Government Code section 69614(c)(3). And, while not part of the legislative report itself, this report to the Judicial Council shows how new judicial resources might be distributed if any new judgeships were authorized and funded using the council-approved methodology described in Government Code section 69614(b).