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Title

Judicial Workload Assessment: 2016 Update of Judicial Needs Assessment (Action Required)

Summary

The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the attached report, *The Need for New Judgeships in the Superior Courts: 2016 Update of the Judicial Needs Assessment*, for transmittal to the Legislature and the Governor. This legislative report, which fulfills the requirements of Government Code section 69614(c)(1), shows that nearly 189 new judicial officers are needed to meet the workload-based need for new judgeships. 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).

Recommendation

1. The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, approve the attached report, *The Need for New Judgeships in the Superior Courts: 2016 Update of the Judicial Needs Assessment* (Attachment A), for transmittal to the Legislature and the Governor; and
2. The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve the proposed priority ranking for any new authorized and funded judgeships (Attachment B).

Speakers

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