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### Title

## **Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Court Interpreters Program Funding and Allocation Methodology (Action Required)**

### Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends an ongoing, workload-based allocation methodology for Court Interpreters Program funding, including cross assignments, benefit cost changes, and unspent funds effective July 1, 2022.

### Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council approve the following, effective July 1, 2022:

1. A proportional allocation methodology based on a three-year average of expenditure data available (2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20), up to the Court Interpreters Program appropriation amount effective 2022-23, while the Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee continues review of pandemic impact and reporting data considerations effective in 2023-24;
2. Require courts to return to the Judicial Council all unspent 2021-22, 2022-23 and ongoing Court Interpreter Program-allocated funds, which will first reimburse courts with a shortfall in each respective year not to exceed the overall appropriation amount, with any remaining funds reverting to the Trial Court Trust Fund as restricted program funding;
3. Allocate staff interpreter benefits dollar-for-dollar to courts reporting cost benefit changes effective 2022-23; and
4. Require receiving courts to offset extraordinary interpreter expenses to courts providing cross-assignments (or “home” courts) and charge the Ad Hoc Interpreter Subcommittee with working with Judicial Council staff on development of a payment/reimbursement method.

This recommendation was presented to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on December 7, 2021 and approved for consideration by the Judicial Council.

### Speakers

Hon. Jonathan B. Conklin, Chair, Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee

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