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### Title

#### **Trial Court Budget: Allocation of \$75 Million in Discretionary Funds (Action Required)**

### Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve allocation of \$75.0 million in discretionary funding provided in the Budget Act of 2018. The recommendation is to allocate \$3.6 million to bring cluster 1 courts to 100 percent of their funding need, \$0.8 million for court-provided non-sheriff security, and \$70.6 million in discretionary funds to all courts, save for the cluster 1 courts, proportionally based on their fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 base allocation following the council actions taken on July 20, 2018. The committee also wants to indicate that the trial courts recognize and intend to comply with the legislative intent that \$10.0 million of the \$75.0 million be utilized to increase the level of court reporters in family law cases.

### Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee (TCBAC) recommends that the Judicial Council, effective September 21, 2018, allocate the \$75.0 million in discretionary funds in the Budget Act of 2018 as follows:

1. Allocate \$3.6 million to bring all cluster 1 courts up to 100 percent of funding need.
2. Allocate \$0.8 million, representing a 1.96 percent increase, for court-provided non-sheriff security.
3. Allocate the remainder of the \$75.0 million, totaling \$70.6 million in discretionary funds, to all courts, save for the cluster 1 courts, proportionally based on their FY 2018-19 base allocation following the council actions taken on July 20, 2018. Included with this allocation is the Legislature's appropriation intent language that \$10.0 million be utilized to increase the level of court reporters in family law cases and that the \$10.0 million not supplant existing trial court expenditures on court reporters in family law cases.

### Speakers

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