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### **Title**

## **Trial Court Budget | Policy for Courts that Exceed 100 Percent of Workload Formula Funding (Action Required)**

### **Summary**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council approve a new Workload Formula policy for courts whose funding allocations relative to workload exceed 100 percent. Further, the committee recommends that the council allocate any funding received for cost increase adjustments to trial courts separately from the Workload Formula allocation. These actions continue efforts previously made by the council to refine the Workload Formula, make progress towards trial court funding equity, and ensure adequate funding for trial courts.

### **Recommendation**

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Approve a change to the workload formula policy concerning reallocations in years with no new money so that any court above 105 percent of funding be subject to a 2 percent reduction of funding without going below 104 percent; and
2. Allocate any funding received for cost increase adjustments to trial courts separately from the workload formula allocation.

### **Speakers**

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