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### Title

### **Allocations and Reimbursements to Trial Courts | Distribution of Fee for Civil Remote Appearances by Video (Action Required)**

#### Summary

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends the Judicial Council approve a recommendation that fees collected under Government Code section 70630-for remote appearances by video-be distributed back to trial courts on a dollar-for-dollar basis after deposit into the Trial Court Trust Fund retroactive to January 1, 2022, when Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75 became effective, greatly expanding the statutory authority for civil remote appearances, including by video. The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee also recommends the council approve a recommendation to exclude this revenue stream from the Workload Formula, for consistency in allowing courts to offset costs as provided in Government Code section 70630, for civil remote appearances by video.

#### Recommendation

The Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 15, 2022, approve the following recommendations:

1. Distribute Government Code section 70630 fees, deposited into the Trial Court Trust Fund, back to trial courts on a dollar-for-dollar basis retroactive to January 1, 2022, when Code of Civil Procedure section 367.75 became effective and greatly expanded the statutory authority for civil remote appearances; and
2. Exclude revenues collected under Government Code section 70630 as a funding category in the Workload Formula methodology for “Other Local Revenues,” effective July 1, 2022.

This recommendation was presented to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee on June 1, 2022 and approved for consideration by the Judicial Council.