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Title

Judicial Branch Technology | Allocation of Funds for AB 716 Legislative Mandate, Fiscal Year 2023-24 (Action Required)

Summary

The Budget Act of 2022 appropriated funding to upgrade the audio equipment of courtrooms in support of Assembly Bill 716, which requires courts, at a minimum, to provide a public audio stream or telephonic means with which to listen to the courtroom proceedings when the courthouse is physically closed. The Technology Committee recommends the Judicial Council allocate approximately \$25 million among trial courts for fiscal year 2023–24, as itemized in the attached summary. The recommended allocations provide funding for needed audio upgrades to courts eligible for funding that submitted requests.

Recommendation

The Technology Committee recommends, effective January 19, 2024, that the Judicial Council approve the proposed allocations as itemized in the attached *Courtroom Audio Modernization: Proposed Allocations for FY 2023–24*.