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Judicial Branch Administration | Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program (Action Required)

Summary

The Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee recommends approval of the workers' compensation cost allocation for fiscal year 2020-21 in the amount of \$18.3 million for the trial courts and \$1.3 million for the state judiciary. The committee is also recommending two additional measures to create a more efficient workers' compensation claims settlement process, and to reduce the deficit of the Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Fund.

Recommendation

The Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective May 15, 2020:

1. Approve the workers' compensation cost allocation for fiscal year 2020-21 for participating trial courts and the state judiciary (Attachment A, Actuarial Review of the Self-Insured Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program, Member Premium for Program Year 2020-21);
2. Adopt the revised Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program (JBWCP) Claims Settlement Authority Policy, Internal JBWCP Procedures for Level III Settlement Authority Requests, and the JBWCP Settlement Authority Request/Notification Form. The text of the amended JBWCP Claims Settlement Authority Policy and the new and revised forms are attached (Attachment B, JBWCP Claims Settlement Authority Documents); and
3. Approve the consolidation of 12 monthly workers' compensation premium payments to 2 payments per year in August and September for trial court members of the program, with contingencies to modify the deposit schedule if members do not have sufficient funding (Attachment C, Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Fund Transfers from the Trial Court Trust Fund).