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Judicial Workload Assessment | 2018 Judicial Workload Study Updated Caseweights (Action Required)

Summary

The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council adopt the proposed Judicial Workload Study updated model parameters that are used as part of the formula for assessing judicial need in the trial courts. The council previously approved the Judicial Workload Study in 2001 and 2011; the current update accounts for changes in the law and practice that have affected judicial workload since the last study update in 2011. The recommendation also reflects direction from the Judicial Council, at its July 18, 2019 meeting, to perform additional analysis to ensure the model best represents courts of all sizes. Further, WAAC recommends that the council approve an updated Judicial Needs Assessment per Government Code section 69614(c)(1) based on the new judicial workload measures and the established methodology for prioritization of judgeships. The updated needs assessment would replace a preliminary version that was completed in 2018 using workload measures developed in 2011.

Recommendation

The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Approve the *2018 Judicial Workload Study Update-Draft Caseweights and Standards* for use in evaluating statewide judicial workload, including for use in the biennial judicial needs assessment, and to meet the requirements of Government Code section 69614(c)(2);
2. Approve the updated *2018 Update of the Judicial Needs Assessment* for transmittal to the Legislature. The updated *Needs Assessment* replaces a preliminary version that was issued in November 2018 prior to completion of the *2018 Judicial Workload Study Update*.

Speakers

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