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Summary
The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of a new, interim caseweight to measure the workload of mental health certification hearings under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5250 that are performed by court staff. As of July 1, 2018, this type of matter is now counted as a filing in the Judicial Branch Statistical Information System but has a very different workload profile than that of other mental health filings. Establishing an interim, separate weight for this workload until a more permanent weight can be developed (during the next Resource Assessment Study update) will help ensure that the workload for this case type is captured as part of the Resource Assessment Study and the Workload Formula for fiscal year 2020-21.

Recommendation
The Workload Assessment Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 24, 2020, adopt a new, interim caseweight to be applied to mental health certification hearings under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5250. If approved, this interim caseweight will be applied for use in the fiscal year 2020-21 Resource Assessment Study estimate of fulltime equivalent staff in the trial courts, which is the basis for the Workload Formula. This interim caseweight would remain effective until the workload can be more fully studied during the Resource Assessment Study model update to be conducted in approximately fiscal year 2021-22.

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