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### Title

### **Judicial Branch Technology | Allocation of Funds for AB 716 Legislative Mandate, Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24**

### **(Action Required)**

#### **Summary**

The Budget Act of 2022 appropriated funding to upgrade the audio equipment needs 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 \$32 million among trial courts for fiscal year 2022-23, 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 March 24, 2023, the Judicial Council approve the proposed allocations as itemized in the attached *Courtroom Audio Modernization: Proposed Allocations for FY 2022-23*.

#### **Speakers**

Hon. Kyle S. Brodie, Chair, Technology Committee

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