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Vice-Chair, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: *2020–21 Trial Court Trust Fund Backfill Report, Quarter 2*, as required under the Budget Act of 2020, Item 0250-113-0001, Provision 3

Dear Senator Skinner and Assembly Member Ting:

Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2020, Item 0250-113-0001, Provision 3, the Judicial Council is required to submit quarterly reports to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the estimated amount of General Fund required to backfill the Trial Court Trust Fund due to shortfalls in revenue to support trial court operations. This report is due on or before January 31, 2021, for the reporting period of October through December 2020.

The statute requires the Judicial Council “submit quarterly reports that include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) the backfill required in the prior quarter based on the actual data, (b) the total backfill required under this item through the quarter covered by the report, (c) an updated estimate of the backfill required in the following quarter, and (d) an updated estimate of the total backfill required in the fiscal year.”

The actual revenues have improved as compared to the prior report, resulting in a revised estimated need of \$164.7 million. The prior report, *2020–21 Trial Court Trust Fund Backfill Report, Quarter 1*, indicated a need of \$170.4 million.

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The backfill needs are identified in the table below:

Reporting Time Frame	Backfill Need (\$ reported in Thousands)
Prior Quarter Actuals: July through September 2020	\$41,186
Reporting Quarter Estimate: October through December 2020	\$41,186
Following Quarter Estimate: January through March 2021	\$41,186
Estimate for the Fiscal Year: July 2020 through June 2021	\$164,744

The Budget Act of 2020 included a revenue backfill of \$273.8 million to support the Trial Court Trust Fund, which is the primary fund source for trial court operations. This represents \$90.9 million for 2019–20 and \$182.9 million for 2020–21. As part of the approval of the backfill, the Legislature also required the Judicial Council to report quarterly on the backfill need.

Fiscal Year (\$ reported in Thousands)	Budget Act Appropriation	Funding Need	Difference
2019–20	\$ 90,917	\$ 55,657	\$35,260
2020–21	\$182,844	\$164,744	\$18,100
Total	\$273,761	\$220,401	\$53,360

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. Zlatko Theodorovic, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-1397 or Zlatko.Theodorovic@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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