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Report to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee
(Action Item)

Title: Court Interpreters Program (CIP) Allocation Methodology Revision
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Issue

On November 16, 2022, the Judicial Branch Budget Committee voted to approve the recommendations for the *Court Interpreters Program (CIP) Allocation Methodology*.¹ This report recommends a change to clarify Recommendation 5 of that report (see below), which was approved by the Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee in a November 28, 2022 Action by Email.

Background

Recommendation 5 of the report reads:

Approve VRI [video remote interpreting] as a possible future consideration in the allocation methodology as more information is developed and finalized.

The analysis of this item in the report reads:

Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) – Uniform VRI definitions are being developed by the LAP [Language Access Program] as VRI is not currently utilized consistently within each of the four regions. As a result, the subcommittee has determined that more information is needed prior to considering the including of VRI into a CIP allocation methodology.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the committee approve the following for consideration by the Judicial Council at its January 20, 2023 business meeting:

1. Revise Recommendation 5 of the referenced report as follows:

Defer inclusion of data on video remote interpreting (VRI) in the allocation methodology until more data and information is developed and finalized.

¹ Judicial Branch Budget Committee meeting report (November 16, 2022), <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbbc-20221116-materials.pdf>

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2. Revise the analysis of Recommendation 5 as follows:

Uniform VRI definitions are being developed by the LASP [Language Access Services Program] and the Regional Employment Relations Committee Chairs because the term “VRI” is not currently utilized consistently within each of the four regions. CIDCS [Court Interpreter Data Collection System] also does not currently capture the cost of all remote assignments. As a result, the subcommittee has determined that more information is needed prior to considering the inclusion of VRI data into a CIP allocation methodology.