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Re: Report of Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings for 2024–25, as required under Government Code section 68086(f)

Dear Senator Laird and Assembly Member Gabriel:

Under Government Code section 68086(f), the Judicial Council is submitting this report on court reporter fees collected and expenditures for court reporter services in 2024–25.

In 2024–25, a total of $23.57 million in court reporter fees was collected and remitted to the Trial Court Trust Fund as required by Government Code sections 68086(a)(1) and (2) and 68086.1. The estimated total expenditures for court reporter services in superior court civil proceedings was $84.7 million.

Fees Collected

The $23.57 million in court reporter fee revenue includes the following:

- Under Government Code section 68086(a)(1), fees in the amount of $999,731 were paid by parties for the services of an official court reporter in each civil proceeding lasting under one hour.

- Under Government Code section 68086(a)(2), fees in the amount of $723,931 were paid by parties for the services of an official court reporter in each civil proceeding lasting one hour or more on the first and each succeeding judicial day that services were provided.

- Under Government Code section 68086.1, fees in the amount of $21.84 million were deposited in the Trial Court Trust Fund from:

    - First paper filings and responses for superior court civil proceedings, other than proceedings under the Probate Code, in the superior court where the amount demanded is more than $10,000;

    - Family law filings and responses; and

    - Marriage dissolution filings and responses.

Expenditures

The $84.7 million in court reporter services expenditures is an estimate, as most courts do not track the time court reporters spend in proceedings by case type. According to the Judicial Council's 2025–26 resource assessment study, 38 percent of court reporter need is in civil cases, which include general civil, probate, mental health, guardianship, and family law proceedings.

Therefore, like reports for previous years, the estimate was calculated by multiplying the sum of the total amount of the budgeted salaries and benefits for all filled court reporter employee positions as of July 1, 2024 ($216.17 million) and expenditures for contract court reporters ($6.76 million) by 38 percent.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Jessica Devencenzi, Principal Advisor, at 916-263-1374 or Jessica.Devencenzi@jud.ca.gov.

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