

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains appropriations totaling \$2,235,200 from the GENERAL FUND for two (2) new district court judges and related staff and costs in the Third and Seventh Judicial Districts. This bill contains an authorization of eight (8) full-time positions, four (4) positions, including the new judge, for each district court.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: New, 144 and 145

Agency Name: Judicial Districts 3D and 7D

Units: New

| EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 0100 Personnel/Benefit Costs | \$0 | \$1,042,584 | \$1,042,584 |
| 0200 Supportive Services Costs | \$0 | \$50,016 | \$50,016 |
| 0900 Contractual Services Costs | \$0 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Total Expenditure Per Year: | \$0 | \$1,117,600 | \$1,117,600 |
| Grand Total Expenditure: | \$2,235,200 | | |
| Total Appropriated to Agency: | \$2,235,200 | | |
| Total Appropriated by Fund: | | | |
| GENERAL FUND | \$2,235,200 | | |

Explanation of Appropriation and Assumptions:

Appropriated funds will be used for normal operating expenses for two new judges and related staff and costs in the Third and Seventh Judicial Districts. These costs include personnel and benefits for a judge, law clerk, judicial assistant, and court reporter for each court. The appropriation will also be used to pay for related support services and contract services for each court.

| | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT | | | |
| Anticipated Expenditure increase | | | |
| GENERAL FUND | \$34,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| SPECIAL REVENUE FUND-JUD.SYST. AUTOMATION | \$290,000 | | |

Source of Expenditure Increase and Assumptions:

The Wyoming Supreme Court (WSC) anticipates an expenditure increase to the General Fund and the Judicial Systems Automation fund (JSA). The anticipated expenditure increase to the General Fund is for the judicial nominating process and robing ceremony for each new district court. The anticipated expenditure increase to the JSA is to purchase computer equipment and provide software and other information technology services for each new district. These information technology expenses will be covered by special revenue deposited into the JSA. The WSC believes it will have sufficient existing budget authority to cover these anticipated expenditures.

This bill also authorizes an additional judge for the Sixth Judicial District if conditions for adequate court facilities are certified to the Legislature and the Legislature further enacts law authorizing filling the additional judge position.

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