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Re: Report to the Legislature on actions taken by the Judicial Council to achieve an ongoing \$4.0 million reduction in expenditures, as required by Provision 5 of Item 0250-001-0001

Dear Senators Leno and Hancock, Assembly Members Blumenfield and Cedillo, and Ms. Matosantos:

As required by the Budget Act of 2012 (ch. 21, Statutes of 2012, as amended by ch. 29, Statutes of 2012), Item 0250-001-0001, Provision 5, the Judicial Council respectfully submits the following report of actions taken by the Judicial Council to achieve an ongoing \$4.0 reduction in expenditures from the programs within this item.

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The Budget Act of 2012, Item 0250-001-0001 includes an ongoing General Fund reduction of \$4.0 million to state judiciary programs which includes the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, AOC, Judicial Branch Facility Program and Habeas Corpus Resource Center. Attachment 1 displays the actions adopted by the Judicial Council to achieve the ongoing \$4.0 million reduction in expenditures to programs within item 0250-001-0001.

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Zlatko Theodorovic, Director, AOC Fiscal Services Office at 916-263-1397 or at zlatko.theodorovic@jud.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

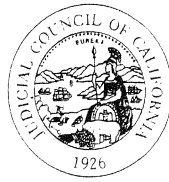


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Judicial Branch Entity	Distributed Share of \$4.0 million reduction	Actions taken to achieve ongoing reduction
Supreme Court	\$ (514,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing new and increased appellate filing fee revenues authorized pursuant to Senate Bill 1021 (Stats. 2012, ch.41) and Assembly Bill 110 (stats. 2011, ch. 193) to offset reductions to the Supreme Court. • Reduced personal services expenditures by holding positions vacant and filling only those positions deemed critical by the Chief Justice. • Reduced operating expenses.
Courts of Appeal	\$ (2,163,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing new and increased appellate filing fee revenues authorized pursuant to Senate Bill 1021 (Stats. 2012, ch.41) and Assembly Bill 110 (stats. 2011, ch. 193) to offset reductions to the Courts of Appeal. • Reduced personal services expenditures by holding positions vacant and filling only those positions deemed critical by a court's Administrative Presiding Justice. • Reduced workforce through layoffs.
Administrative Office of the Courts	\$ (1,063,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced operating expenses and equipment.
Judicial Branch Facility Program	\$ (40,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggressively targeted operating expenses, including off-site storage, scanning, library, temporary and contract employee, telephone, and information technology expenditures. • Reduced personal services expenditures by holding positions vacant. • Reduced case expenditures, thereby reducing or eliminating key portions of the program, including the ability to take new capital habeas corpus appointments and provide training to private counsel.



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Statutory citation: Budget Act of 2012, Provision 5 of Item 0250-001-0001

Date of report: October 4, 2012

The Judicial Council has submitted a report to the Legislature in accordance with the Budget Act of 2012, Item 0250-001-0001, Provision 5.

The following summary of the report is provided under the requirements of Government Code section 9795

The ongoing \$4.0 million reduction contained in the Budget Act of 2012 to state judiciary programs, including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Branch Facility Program, and Habeas Corpus Resource Center, will be achieved as follows:

- Reductions allocated to the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal will be offset by new and increased appellate court filing fees and reductions to personal services;
- Reductions allocated to the Administrative Office of the Courts were achieved by layoffs reducing the workforce;
- Reductions allocated to the Judicial Branch Facility Program will be achieved through reductions in operating expenses;
- Reductions allocated to the Habeas Corpus Resource Center will be achieved through reductions in operating expenses and equipment and personal services.

The full report can be accessed here: www.courts.ca.gov/7466.htm

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-7584.