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Re: Report of Court Reporter Fees Collected and Expenditures for Court Reporter Services in Superior Court Civil Proceedings for 2019–20, as required under Government Code section 68086 (f)

Dear Senator Skinner and Assembly Member Ting:

Pursuant to Government Code section 68086 (f), the Judicial Council is submitting the report on court reporter fees collected and expenditures for court reporter services in 2019–20.

In 2019–20, a total of \$20.8 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. Total expenditures for the court reporter services in superior court civil proceedings was \$84.2 million.

The \$20.8 million in court reporter fee revenue is comprised of the following:

- Under Government Code section 68086 (a)(1), fees in the amount of \$3.4 million were paid by parties for the services of an official court reporter in each civil proceeding lasting under one hour.

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- Under Government Code section 68086 (a)(2), fees in the amount of \$2.1 million were paid by parties for the services of an official court reporter in each civil proceeding lasting one hour or more on the first day and each succeeding judicial day that services were provided.
- Under Government Code section 68086.1, fees in the amount of \$15.3 million were deposited in the Trial Court Trust Fund from the following:
 - 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.

The \$84.2 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. This amount estimated for court reporting in civil cases 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, 2019 (\$220.6 million) and expenditures for contract court reporters (\$4.1 million) by 37.5 percent. According to the Judicial Council's 2020–21 Resource Assessment Study, 37.5 percent is the estimated percentage of time court reporters spend on civil cases (civil, probate, mental health, guardianship, and family).

If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Ms. Fran Mueller, Deputy Director, Judicial Council Budget Services, at 916-263-5771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Hoshino", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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