

Judicial Branch Appropriations Bill Senate File 496

Conference Committee Report

An Act relating to appropriations to the judicial branch and including an effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

**Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency**

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Senate/House Difference Comparison

SENATE FILE 496

Funding Summary: Senate File 496, as proposed by the Conference Committee, appropriates a total of \$174.6 million and 1,907.7 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2016. This is no change in funding or FTE positions compared to FY 2015. **See the attached tracking document for funding totals and difference comparisons for individual budget unit items.**

Language Summary:

- Requires the Judicial Branch to focus efforts on collecting delinquent fines and fees.
- Specifies legislative intent that the Offices of the Clerks of District Court operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as reasonably possible.
- Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a semiannual report to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) specifying the amount of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS).
- Requires the Judicial Branch to report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2016, regarding the revenues and expenditures of the enhanced Court Collections Fund and the Court Technology and Modernization Fund for FY 2015 and planned expenditures for FY 2016.
- Requires the Judicial Branch to emphasize the expansion of family treatment courts on a statewide basis.
- Permits parties to a civil case, including a jury trial, to move the case to a contiguous county.
- Permits a judicial officer to waive travel reimbursement for any travel outside the county of residence of the judicial officer.
- Permits the Supreme Court to order judicial officers to take unpaid leave in the same manner as noncontract employees of the Judicial Branch.
- Specifies it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judicial Branch utilize the Iowa Communications Network or other secure electronic communications instead of traveling for court business during FY 2016.

NOTE: See the complete NOBAs for more detail.

Senate Floor NOBA: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/NOBA/86_SF496_SF.pdf

House Floor NOBA: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/NOBA/86_S3156_HF.pdf

Summary Data

General Fund

	Estimated FY 2015 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2016 (2)	Senate Action FY 2016 (3)	House Action FY 2016 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 (5)	Conf. Comm. vs Est. FY 2015 (6)
Justice System	\$ 174,586,612	\$ 182,773,989	\$ 180,086,612	\$ 174,586,612	\$ 174,586,612	\$ 0
Grand Total	\$ 174,586,612	\$ 182,773,989	\$ 180,086,612	\$ 174,586,612	\$ 174,586,612	\$ 0

Justice System General Fund

	Estimated FY 2015 <u>(1)</u>	Gov Rec FY 2016 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2016 <u>(3)</u>	House Action FY 2016 <u>(4)</u>	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 <u>(5)</u>	Conf. Comm. vs Est. FY 2015 <u>(6)</u>
Judicial Branch						
Judicial Branch	\$ 171,486,612	\$ 179,673,989	\$ 176,986,612	\$ 171,486,612	\$ 171,486,612	\$ 0
Jury & Witness Revolving Fund	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	0
Total Judicial Branch	<u>\$ 174,586,612</u>	<u>\$ 182,773,989</u>	<u>\$ 180,086,612</u>	<u>\$ 174,586,612</u>	<u>\$ 174,586,612</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Justice System	<u>\$ 174,586,612</u>	<u>\$ 182,773,989</u>	<u>\$ 180,086,612</u>	<u>\$ 174,586,612</u>	<u>\$ 174,586,612</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Summary Data

FTE Positions

	Estimated FY 2015 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2016 (2)	Senate Action FY 2016 (3)	House Action FY 2016 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 (5)	Conf. Comm. vs Est. FY 2015 (6)
Justice System	1,907.49	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	0.20
Grand Total	1,907.49	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	0.20

Justice System

FTE Positions

	Estimated FY 2015 (1)	Gov Rec FY 2016 (2)	Senate Action FY 2016 (3)	House Action FY 2016 (4)	Conf. Comm. FY 2016 (5)	Conf. Comm. vs Est. FY 2015 (6)
<u>Judicial Branch</u>						
Judicial Branch						
Judicial Branch	1,907.49	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	0.20
Total Judicial Branch	1,907.49	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	0.20
Total Justice System	1,907.49	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	1,907.69	0.20