

Significant Issues

The Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute for SB859 changes the language regarding the BCMC judgeships who were originally designated to solely hear domestic violence cases. The bill now states that BCMC's chief judge will assign domestic violence cases among all the judges at the court to ensure expeditious hearings.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,221.7 contained in this bill is a recurring* expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

DUPLICATION/RELATIONSHIP

HB215 contains duplicate judgeship requests for BCMC, along with additional funding for the Public Defender Department and the Second Judicial District Attorney.

The GAA currently contains funding for 23.5 additional courts clerks for the magistrate courts statewide.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

*Since part of the appropriation amounts are for capital items such as furniture and equipment, the dollar amount of recurring versus non-recurring needs to be identified.

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