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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/08/13

SPONSOR Papen LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Increase Judicial Salaries SB 384

ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
None	\$1,038.5	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	\$1,038.5	\$1,038.5	\$2,077.0	Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 384 (SB 384) appropriates \$1,038.5 thousand from the general fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for the purpose of increasing judicial salaries.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,038.5 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AOC notes that:

SB 384 contains sufficient funding to increase salaries for hearing officers and special commissioners but the bill should be amended to include them.

The funds should be appropriated to the Department of Finance and Administration instead of the AOC. The Department of Finance and Administration can transfer the funds directly to the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, each district court, and the magistrate court program instead of the Administrative Office of the Courts working with each court agency and the Department of Finance and Administration to transfer the funds.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 391, Judicial Pay Increases Based on Service
SB 25, Judicial Retirement Changes
SB 26, Supplemental Retirement Contributions
HB 95, Judicial Retirement Changes
HB 169, Judicial Retirement Contributions

AMENDMENTS

Delete on page 1, lines 17 and 18, administrative office of the courts and replace with the department of finance and administration.

Amend page 1, line 24, to include child support hearing officers and special commissioners.

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