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SPONSOR: Aragon DATE TYPED: 02/18/03 HB

SHORT TITLE: Judicial System Study Committee SB SJM 7

ANALYST: Hayes

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	**FY04**	**FY03**	**FY04**		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 7 requests the New Mexico legislative council to continue the Judicial System Study Committee during the 2003 interim.

Significant Issues

1. Effective June 2001, the legislative council created the Judicial Systems Study Committee to study judiciary problems, issues and needs. In 2001 and 2002, the committee conducted hearings on topics ranging from judgeship needs and court automation to courthouse facilities and drug court problems.

2. During the 2003 interim, the committee would like to focus its study on the judicial retirement systems along with their funding sources and actuarial soundness.

3. According to the AOC, the creation and continuation of the Judiciary Study Committee provide the State of New Mexico with an opportunity to continue the tradition of regular review and reform of the structure of the judicial branch.

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