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 Title Appeals Court Judges Retention BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Senate Judiciary
 Requester Senate State Affairs Component No. 771

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	0.0	3.5	3.5	1.2	1.2	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	3.5	3.5	1.2	1.2	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	3.5	3.5	1.2	1.2	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	3.5	3.5	1.2	1.2	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Judicial Council is required to evaluate the performance of judges and must make performance information and recommendations available to the public. The Council conducts evaluations of judges in their retention election year. As part of its responsibility to encourage a high level of judicial performance, the Council also conducts interim evaluations of judges two years prior to their retention year.

2002 is a retention election year. The Council will evaluate the performance of 34 judges in 2002, including 17 judges standing for retention and 17 judges who will stand for retention in 2004. The cost of these evaluations is 77.8. The cost of an evaluation per judge, using 2002 figures, is 2.3. This cost is incurred in approximately equal amounts in the fiscal year of the retention election and the fiscal year that precedes the retention election.

SB 159 reduces the retention term for judges of the Court of Appeals from 8 to 4 years. There are 3 judges on that court.

Judge Mannheimer stands for retention in 2002. Under current law and assuming he is retained, Judge Mannheimer would not stand for retention again until 2010. SB 159 would require Judge Mannheimer to stand for retention in 2006. The Council would conduct an extra evaluation of Judge Mannheimer in 2006 and an extra interim evaluation in 2004.

Judges Coats and Stewart were retained in 2000. Under current law, they would stand for retention in 2008. SB 159 would require these judges to stand for retention in 2004. The Council would conduct extra evaluations of these judges in 2004.

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