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SB-988

AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL COMPENSATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	Up to 1,930,416	Up to 3,037,333
Probate Court	PCAF - Cost	313,530	469,818
Workers' Compensation Com.	WCF - Cost	Up to 133,000	Up to 210,000

Note: GF=General Fund; PCAF=Probate Court Administration Fund; WCF=Workers' Compensation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the General Fund (GF), Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF), and the Workers' Comp Fund (WCF) for a 4.5% salary increase in FY 22 and a 2.5% salary increase in FY 23 to all judges (201 positions), family support magistrates (9 positions), a per diem increase to referees, probate judges, and workers' compensation commissioners. The actual cost will be dependent on the number of filled positions.

The FY 22 cost to the Judicial Department General Fund is up to \$1,930,416 FY 22 and \$3,037,333 in FY 23 for judges' salary increases.

The bill results in a cost of \$313,4530 in FY 22 and \$469,818 in FY 23 to the Probate Court Administration Fund for an increase to the Probate Court Administrator (same as a Superior Court judge) and for salary increases for probate court judges. Salaries for probate court judges vary depending on the probate district classification and range

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from 45% to 75% of a Superior Court judge's salary.

The bill results in a cost of up to \$133,000 in FY 22 and up to \$210,000 in FY 23 to the Workers' Compensation Fund for 16 commissioners. The salaries of the workers' compensation commissioners vary depending on experience and are tied to the salary of a Superior Court judge.

The Out Years

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Judicial Dept. (JUD95000)	GF - Cost	Up to 4,171,923	Up to 5,334,878
Probate Court (9005)	PCAF - Cost	682,124	873,360
Workers' Compensation Com. (WCC42000)	WCF - Cost	Up to 270,468	Up to 346,925

Note: GF=General Fund; PCAF=Probate Court Administration Fund; WCF=Workers' Compensation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue through FY 25 subject to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U inflation) or 2.5%, whichever is greater. The table above assumes a 2.5% increase in FY 24 and FY 25.