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**Fiscal Note**



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<b>Subject:</b> Contracted Services	

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 Requires the supreme court to establish and maintain a website to post information concerning certain contracts

Proposed law requires the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, family courts, and juvenile courts to report to the judicial administrator of the supreme court the following contract information as it relates to any contracts for goods or services: amount, brief description of the purpose, effective and termination dates, name of contracting agency and contractor, and the city and state of the contractor's principal place of business.

Proposed law requires the judicial administrator of the supreme court to collect and analyze the submitted contract information and publish such information on a website established for access and viewing by the public.

Proposed law requires the website to be operational no later than Jan. 1, 2016, and to be updated annually.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in state general fund expenditures as a result of reporting contracts to the LA Supreme Court (LASC). The LASC will need to hire additional staff to collect and analyze the submitted contract information as well as create a website for the contracts. The exact increase in staff is indeterminable since the number of contracts across all court level is unknown according to the LASC. To the extent the requested staff is needed the cost in FY 16 would be \$284,000 (\$236,000 personnel + \$18,000 acquisitions + \$30,000 IT costs) and costs in FY 17 and subsequent fiscal years would be approximately \$241,000 (\$236,000 personnel + \$5,000 IT costs).

The LASC indicated it would need 1 attorney, 1 accounting clerk, 1 administrative assistant and a part-time I.T. professional to collect and analyze the submitted information. The total cost for these 3.5 positions would be \$236,000 (\$114,900 attorney + \$45,700 accounting clerk + \$45,700 administrative assistant + \$29,700 I.T. professional) for salaries and related benefits. Acquisitions such as computers and furniture would be approximately \$18,000. The total number of staff needed would be determined by the total number of contracts collected and contract information submitted to the LASC from all courts throughout the state.

In addition to staff, the LASC would incur a cost associated with maintaining a website for contracts. According to the LASC, the current website would need to be updated to handle the submitted contract information. The LASC estimate to develop the website and database is approximately \$63,400. The court does not have staffing resources to handle the development and would contract with a vendor. Annual hosting and support services would cost approximately \$57,000 per year. The exact cost would be determined through the Request For Proposal (RFP) process and may be less than stated. For comparison purposes, the Office of Technology Services quoted these services upon request of the LFO at a cost of \$30,000 in FY 16 and \$5,000 annually for hosting and support services, which is substantially lower than the LASC quote.

In the event local courts (district courts, family courts, and juvenile courts) do not have adequate staff to compile contract information, additional staff may be needed. This would be determined on a court by court basis and would increase local fund expenditures.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| Senate   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}      |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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