

Subject Judicial branch policy and spending proposal

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Overview

The is the Judicial Branch’s proposed policy and spending bill.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Possession.</p> <p>Provides that when a petitioner files a portion of an award to secure the right to title in an eminent domain action, the amount must be deposited with the court administrator. The amount must only be deposited in an interest bearing account if it exceeds \$10,000. Currently, there is no minimum. The deposit must take place within five business days. Currently, deposit must be made by the following business day.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Copy of judgment to commissioner.</p> <p>Requires the court administrator to notify the commissioner of public safety that a judgment arising out of a case involving a motor vehicle has not been satisfied and directs the commissioner to provide notice to the official in charge of drivers’ licenses in another state if the person is licensed in a different state. This replaces the requirement to send a certified copy of the judgment.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Conditions.</p> <p>Establishes that the commissioner of public safety must suspend the license of certain persons who when there is a judgment arising out of a case involving a motor vehicle and the driver was either not insured or had failed to pay the judgment. Currently, suspension must take place upon receipt of a certified copy of the judgment.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Court examiner.</p> <p>Amends the definition of “court examiner” in the chapter on civil commitment to include psychologists who are either licensed in Minnesota or hold authority to practice in Minnesota under an approved interstate compact instead of limiting the definition to those who are licensed.</p> |

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5	District court. Establishes that the district court may publish its own notices, orders, and process for judicial proceedings on the judicial branch website.
6	Uniform collections policies and procedures for courts. Provides that court debts referred to the Department of Revenue for revenue recapture are not subject to the notice, hearing, and contested claims requirements in sections 270A.08 and 270A.09.
7	Service; alternate service; publication; notice. Establishes that, when a respondent appears remotely for a hearing on an order for protection and the court notifies the person that an order will issue, service of the order can be made through the mail or by electronic means instead of by personal service.
8	Juror protection. Requires employers to release an employee from that person's regular work schedule to permit the employee to attend court for prospective jury service and cannot require the employee to work an alternative shift or threaten the person's employment status.
9	Restraining order. Establishes that, when a respondent appears remotely for a hearing on a harassment restraining order and the court notifies the person that an order will issue, service of the order can be made through the mail or by electronic means instead of by personal service.
10	Court examiner. Amends the definition of "court examiner" in the chapter on competency attainment to include psychologists who are either licensed in Minnesota or hold authority to practice in Minnesota under an approved interstate compact instead of limiting the definition to those who are licensed.
11	Published notice. Establishes that, when a statute requires "published notice" of a district court action, the notice may be by publication on the judicial branch website.
12	Judiciary appropriation. Subd. 1. Psychological services. Appropriates \$14,575,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund for the psychological and psychiatric examiner services program.

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Subd. 2. Cybersecurity. Appropriates \$1,750,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund for continued development of the judicial branch cybersecurity program.

Subd. 3. District court; interpreter services. Appropriates \$1,525,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to increase the hourly payment rate for contract court interpreters.

Subd. 4. District court; juror per diem increase and additional services. Appropriates \$10,024,000 in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the general fund to increase the jury per diem rate, increase the mileage reimbursement, provide trauma services to jurors, and support the increase cost of jury trials.

Subd. 5. Courthouse security. Appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund for a competitive grant program for courthouse safety and security improvements. This appropriation is onetime.



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