IOWA HOUSE REPUBLICANS

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2558	House Committee:	**PASSED** on March 15 (25-0)
Committee:	Appropriations	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Rep. Worthan	Senate Floor:	
Date:	March 22, 2022	Governor:	
Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

FY 2023 Judicial Branch

- The bill appropriates money to the Judicial Branch for FY23

Section-by-Section Analysis
DIVISION I
FY 2023 Appropriations

Section 1 –Judicial Branch

1.   General fund appropriations to the Judicial Branch for FY 2023 is as follows:

a.   **Judicial Branch**

FY 2022	House	FY23 House v Est. FY22
$189,640,252	$194,031,188	$4,390,936

The section provides for the salaries of Supreme Court Justices, appellate court judges, district court judges, judicial magistrates and staff. It also funds clerks' offices, juvenile court officers, board of law examiners, board of examiners of shorthand reporters and judicial qualifications commission.

b.   **Jury and Witness Revolving Fund**

FY 2022	House	FY23 House v Est. FY22
$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$0

This section appropriates the funding for the Jury and Witness Revolving Fund. The Revolving fund helps pay for jury and witness fees, mileage, costs related to jurors, fees for interpreters and reimbursement of attorney fees paid by the State Public Defender.

c.   **5.9 % Salary Increase State Court Justices, Judges, and Magistrates**

FY 2022	House	FY23 House v Est. FY22
$0	$2,969,362	$2,969,362

2. The Judicial Branch shall use the current state budge system, payroll system and the Iowan Finance and account system and payments for services, and not duplicate the state payroll, accounting and budgeting systems.
3. The Judicial Branch shall submit monthly financial statements to the legislative services agency.
4. The Judicial Branch shall focus efforts upon collecting delinquent fines, penalties, court costs, fees, and surcharges.
5. It is the intent of the general assembly that the offices of the Clerk of Court operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably possible to address the needs of the citizens of each county. The clerk of the district court shall be open regular courthouse hours.
6. The Judicial Branch shall not change the appropriations from the amounts appropriated, unless notice of a revision is given to the legislative services agency.
7. The Judicial Branch shall submit a semiannual update to LSA regarding the amount of fines, surcharges and court costs collected using Iowa Court Information System.
8. The Judicial Branch shall provide a report to the General Assembly by Jan 1, 2023 concerning the amount received and expenditures from the enhanced court collection fund.

Section 2- Civil Trials -Location
If all parties in a case agree, a civil trial may take place in a continuous county.

Section 3- Travel Reimbursement
A judicial officer may waive travel reimbursement for any travel outside the officer's county of residence to conduct official judicial business.

Section 4- Judicial Officer Unpaid Leave
The Supreme Court may place all judicial officers on unpaid leave on any day employees of the judicial branch are placed on temporary layoff status.

Section 5- Iowa Communications Network
Requests the Judicial Branch use the Iowa Communications Network, instead of traveling.

Section 6- Judicial Branch- Actuarial Valuation (609.9116)
Requires the State Court Administrator to submit a copy of each actuarial valuation and annual actuarial update for the Judicial Retirement System.

Amendment Analysis

H-8199- Worthan
Will be withdrawn

H-8201- Isenhart
Establishes veteran's treatment courts and appropriates $1,000,000

H-8206-Worthan
Strikes the 5.9% judicial pay increase line item and replaces it with specific salaries for each judge. This is required by code. The 5.9% increase stays in place for Justices, Judges and Magistrates.

H-8207-Isenhart
Establishes a veteran's court with a full-time outreach coordinator in each judicial district. Appropriates $1,000,000