

**NON-EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 13, 2023

Agency Submitting: Administrative Office of the Courts

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
COLA's for Justices and COA Judges, plus fringe costs (Expense)			\$86,113	\$1,210,504
Total	0	0	\$86,113	\$1,210,504

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This bill would provide Cost of Living Adjustments for Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges according to their respective next term begin dates. It would retroactively look back 12 years to increase their salaries according to the COLA's that were granted to classified employees over that time period, and then would prospectively adjust accordingly for all future terms. Only three Justices would be affected by this in the next biennium, receiving their COLA's effective January 1, 2025. Two more would receive theirs on January 1, 2027, and the remaining two Justices, plus the three Court of Appeals Judges would receive their COLA's on January 1, 2029. The fiscal impact for the 24-25 biennium represents only six months (January 2025 through June 2025) worth of added costs. The Effect of Future Biennia figure represents a fully loaded biennial cost when all 10 elected officials would have received their COLA's in Fiscal Year 2029.

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