

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$1,081,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Supreme Court.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 101 Agency Name: Supreme Court
 Unit: Various

EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
0100 Personnel/Benefit Costs	\$0	\$1,081,000	\$0
Total Expenditure Per Year:	\$0	\$1,081,000	\$0
Grand Total Expenditure:	\$1,081,000		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$1,081,000		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
GENERAL FUND	\$1,081,000		

Description of appropriation:

The bill would increase statutory salaries for supreme court, district court, and circuit court judges. Salaries for these judge positions were last adjusted in 2012 (2012 Senate File 40; 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 89).

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Expenditure increase/(decrease)			
GENERAL FUND		\$1,081,000	\$1,081,000

Source of expenditure increase(decrease):

The appropriation in the bill would cover first-year funding for the proposed salary increases and the Supreme Court assumes these increases would become part of the standard budget request in future biennia.

Assumptions:

The bill would increase judge salaries for each court level, cumulatively and for each judge, as follows:

- Supreme Court = \$72,000 (5 judges)
- District Court = \$324,000 (24 judges)
- Circuit Court = \$619,000 (24 Judges)

<u>Court Level Judge</u>	<u>Salary Levels</u>		
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Supreme Court Judge	\$165,000	\$175,000	\$10,000
District Court Judge	\$150,000	\$160,000	\$10,000
Circuit Court Judge	\$125,000	\$145,000	\$20,000

For judges retired under the original judicial retirement plan, their retirement benefits are based on a percentage of current judicial salaries. Based on the proposed salaries, eighteen retired judges in this plan would receive a total of

Judicial salary increases.

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approximately \$66,000 per year in increased benefit adjustments, with individual adjustments varying based on the judicial level in which they worked.

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