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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT
CLOSING REPORT
JUDICIAL BRANCH

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWED 11 BUDGETS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH. CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL 29, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE DECREASE THE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT IN THESE BUDGETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.2 MILLION IN FY 2004 AND \$1.6 MILLION IN FY 2005.

THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CLOSING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

PENDING LEGISLATION THAT CURRENTLY AFFECTS THE ACCOUNTS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH ARE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL AND ARE NOT SEPARATELY DISCUSSED WITHIN INDIVIDUAL BUDGET ACCOUNTS.

- ASSEMBLY BILL 29 PROVIDES FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$15 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT TO BE COLLECTED IN CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING MISDEMEANORS WHERE THE DEFENDANT IS FOUND GUILTY OR PLEADS GUILTY. FIVE DOLLARS OF THIS ASSESSMENT IS TO BE ALLOTTED TO SPECIALTY COURTS VIA THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, AND \$10 DOLLARS OF THIS ASSESSMENT INCREASES EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENTS PER NRS 176.059, WHICH PROVIDES A 51 PERCENT DISTRIBUTION TO THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AND A 49 PERCENT DISTRIBUTION TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. LEGISLATION IS CURRENTLY IN THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. THE