BDR 13-302
AB 381

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 4, 2023

Agency Submitting: Second Judicial District Court

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Salaries (3.5 Case Managers) (Expense)		$338,667	$338,667	$677,334
Employee Benefits (Expense)		$134,022	$134,022	$268,044
One-Time New Employee Costs (Expense)		$24,000		
Volunteer Recruitment (Expense)		$75,000	$50,000	$100,000
Total	0	$571,689	$522,689	$1,045,378

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Section 2 of this bill would require the appointment of non-attorney guardian ad litems. The SJDC does not currently have a volunteer program established to provide volunteer guardian ad litems for adult guardianship matters. Similar programs, such as National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), recommend 1 case manager for every 35 volunteers. Last year, the SJDC saw 128 new adult guardianship cases that would have required appointment of a guardian ad litem under the proposed provisions of SB381. To manage the guardian ad litem volunteers required under this bill, the SJDC would need approximately 3.5 FTE case managers. In addition, a volunteer recruitment campaign would be necessary to recruit qualified volunteers.

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