

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5836

As of January 8, 2024

Title: An act relating to adding an additional superior court judge in Clark county.

Brief Description: Adding an additional superior court judge in Clark county.

Sponsors: Senator Wilson, L.; by request of Administrative Office of the Courts.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 1/09/24.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Increases the authorized number of superior court judges in Clark County from 11 to 12.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

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Background: The Legislature sets the number of superior court judges in each county. The Washington State Constitution provides that the state and the county share the cost for superior court judges. A superior court judge's benefits and one-half of the salary are paid by the state. The county pays one-half of the judge's salary.

The Board for Judicial Administration recommends the creation of new superior court judge positions based on workload analyses by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Clark County is authorized 11 superior court judges, which was set in 2020.

Summary of Bill: The authorized number of superior court judges in Clark County is increased from 11 to 12.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 6, 2023.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.