

AGENDA**ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 5 PUBLIC SAFETY****ASSEMBLYMEMBER REGINALD B. JONES-SAWYER SR., CHAIR****FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014****UPON CALL OF THE CHAIR - STATE CAPITOL ROOM 126**

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ISSUE 1: JUDICIAL BRANCH FUNDING

The issue before the subcommittee is Judicial Branch Funding.

On May 22, 2014, The Assembly's Committee on Budget – Subcommittee #5 - adopted the Governor's May Revise proposal to increase the Judicial Branch's General Fund Allocation by \$130 million above the amount allocated in the current fiscal year (2013-14).

STAFF COMMENT

In acknowledgement of the Judicial Branch's vital role in state government, the Subcommittee may wish to adopt a budget plan that provides \$121 million in additional resources for the Branch. On May 21, 2014, the Senate's Budget Subcommittee #5 adopted court funding at a total level of \$3.5 billion. Such an augmentation would result in an equivalent level of overall funding to branch in the Assembly's budget plan. However, the Assembly should continue to require the accountability measures and reporting requirements for the courts, which were not included in the Senate Subcommittee's action.

Staff Recommendation: Provide an additional \$121 million augmentation to the trial courts above this Subcommittee's 5/22/2014 action. Specify that this action is in addition to the action taken on 5/22/2014.

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ISSUE 2: REGISTRY OF CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS

The issue before the subcommittee is a proposal to increase expenditure authority for the Registry of Charitable Trust Unit within the Attorney General's office by \$200,000.

The Registry's budget has not been increased for the last six years, yet filings submitted by charities, trustees and fundraisers have increased significantly. The Registry does not have sufficient staff to analyze the annual financial reports submitted by charities, trustees and fundraisers. By increasing the Registry's budget to include additional staffing of auditors, and associate government program analysts, the Registry will be able to better assist in the Attorney General's enforcement of the Supervision Act.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Proposal
