



JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

The Judicial Conduct Commission (JCC) investigates and resolves complaints against Utah judges. The executive director manages claims, assigns investigators, and prosecutes judges when necessary. The commission dismisses approximately ninety percent of all complaints, resolves five percent by stipulation, and conducts formal hearings for five percent of all complaints.

INTENT LANGUAGE

Line Item	Nonlapsing Request	FY 2019 Estimated Closing	LFA Recommend.	Purpose
Judicial Conduct Commission	\$75,000 H.B. 6, Item 10	\$12,700	NA	Professional services for investigations

The commission recommends the following performance measures intent language:

The Legislature intends that the Judicial Conduct Commission report by October 31, 2019 to the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee on the following performance measures for the Judicial Conduct Commission, whose mission is to investigate and conduct confidential hearings regarding complaints against state, county, and municipal judges throughout the state and, as warranted, to recommend to the Utah Supreme Court the reprimand, censure, suspension, removal, or involuntary retirement of any state, county, or municipal judge: (1) timely publication of an annual report with all public dispositions in the last year (target: 60 days from the end of the fiscal year); and (2) annualized average number of business days to conduct a preliminary investigation (target: 90 days).

BASE BUDGET

The FY 2020 base budget for JCC as shown in H.B. 6, Item 49 is:

Financing Source	Appropriation	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$269,600	95.5%
Beginning Nonlapsing	\$12,700	4.5%
Total	\$282,300	

The commission does not have any budget requests for the 2019 General Session.