



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
REP. JIMMIE WILSON
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair, Representative Wilson.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Wilson, Weiss, Brixie, Mentzer, Morgan, Lightner, Cavitt, and Schuette.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representatives Weiss, Mentzer, and Morgan joined the committee remotely.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Elizabeth T. Clement, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of the FY 2023-24 Judiciary budget request. In addition, she discussed justice system principles, highlights of recent progress, proposals for change, and continuing service budget items. Highlights of recent progress include: improved access because of online proceedings; progress of Justice for All initiative; success of eviction diversion; improved efficiency because of technology improvements; improved data management; and expanded online mediation/dispute resolution. Proposals for change include: implementation of a statewide case management system; creation of a juvenile justice services division; expansion of the Justice for All initiative; increased funding for the Michigan Judicial Institute to expand training and develop a benchbook; increased security for Supreme Court Justices; and implementation of the statewide court data transparency project. The Chief Justice discussed highlights of next steps and how budget priorities continue long-term goals of the Judicial branch - independence, accessibility, accountability, efficiency, and engagement. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Representative Jimmie Wilson, Chair

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