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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1519 by Wentworth (Relating to longevity pay for certain state judges and justices.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1519, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$3,328,800) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

The bill would provide longevity pay for active judges in Judicial Retirement System Plan II (JRS II). The amount would be \$50 per month for each year of service, calculated and payable only after 8, 12, and 16 years of service.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	(\$1,521,600)
2009	(\$1,807,200)
2010	(\$1,862,400)
2011	(\$2,256,000)
2012	(\$2,433,600)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2008	(\$1,521,600)
2009	(\$1,807,200)
2010	(\$1,862,400)
2011	(\$2,256,000)
2012	(\$2,433,600)

Fiscal Analysis

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Methodology

The number of eligible JRS II judges is estimated to range between 183 and 277 over the period 2008 through 2012. Eligible judges would receive \$4,800 per year for service of 8-11 years, \$7,200 per year for service of 12-15 years, and \$9,600 per year for 16 years and over.

This analysis assumes no additional Fund 573 money would be available to pay for this benefit, so the costs would be borne solely by General Revenue.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System

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