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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.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1519, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$806,400 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.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$403,200
2009	\$403,200
2010	\$403,200
2011	\$403,200
2012	\$403,200

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2008	\$403,200
2009	\$403,200
2010	\$403,200
2011	\$403,200
2012	\$403,200

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would provide longevity pay for active judges eligible for the Judicial Retirement System Plan I or Plan II. The amount would be \$20 per month for each year of service, calculated and payable only after 16 years of service.

Methodology

The number of eligible judges is estimated to be 109, and to not increase over time; as additional judges meet the service requirement an equal number are assumed to retire. Eligible judges would receive \$3,840 per year for 16 years of service 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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