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

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

IN RE: HB1861 by Eiland (Relating to the operation and administration of the judiciary in the event of a disaster.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code relating to the operation and administration of the judiciary in the event of a disaster. The bill would authorize certain actions by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Supreme Court, Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or the Court of Criminal Appeals in the event of a disaster. The bill would provide that district and statutory county judges in each county adopt administrative rules for a coordinated response for the transaction of essential judicial functions in the event of a disaster. The LBB's analysis of the bill anticipates any additional work for the courts resulting from passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives two-thirds votes in each house, otherwise the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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