

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 2: Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability Compensation Plan Changes

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability compensation plan changes.

Prior to implementing any compensation plan change, the Commission is to report either to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means when the Legislature is in session, or the Emergency Board or the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means during the interim.

The Commission is proposing a one-time cost of living allowance adjustment of \$1,500, a 6.5% COLA effective December 1, 2023, and a 6.55% COLA effective January 1, 2025. The biennial cost for these changes is estimated to be \$13,518 General Fund in 2023-25 and \$23,376 General Fund in 2025-27. The effective date of the second ongoing COLA is contingent on the Legislature providing supplemental funding beyond the existing funding available for state employee compensation changes. If supplemental funding is not appropriated, then the effective date of the second COLA may be delayed to February 1, 2025.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.