



# IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

## BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

# Judicial Branch Appropriations HF 2495

**Status of Bill:** House Floor

**Committee:** Appropriations (25-0)

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### Judicial Branch Appropriations Analysis

The proposed FY 2019 budget for the Judicial Branch is \$181.5 million. This represents a combined \$4.3 million increase from FY 2018 to the Judicial Branch Operations and Jury & Witness revolving fund. This would allow the Iowa Supreme Court to increase annual salaries within two percent of the judicial position's current salary rate. However, the bill proposes a 2.0 FTE decrease from 1,831.93 to 1,829.93 in comparison to FY 2018.

The bill also specifies the General Assembly's intent that District Court offices and clerks be reasonably accessible and operates in all 99 counties.

### BUDGET SPREADSHEET

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<b>Estimated FY 2018</b>	<b>HF 2495 2019</b>	<b>House vs. FY 2018</b>
<b>Judicial Branch</b>			
Judicial Branch Operations	174,074,797	178,723,415	4,348,618
Jury & Witnessing Fee Revolving Fund	3,100,000	3,100,000	0
<b>Total Judicial Branch</b>	<b>\$177,174,797</b>	<b>\$181,523,415</b>	<b>\$4,348,618</b>

### Amendment Summary

**H-8438 to HF 2495 (Worthan):** This amendment reduces the Judicial Branch operations budget from \$178.4 million to \$177.5 million. This would be a \$900,000 deduction. Additionally, this amendment removes the Judicial Branch's ability to increase annual salaries within two percent of the current salary rate.

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