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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 504 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Joseph Cervantes **Agency Name and Code** AOC 218
Short Title: Appropriation to AOC for Transcription Services Statewide **Person Writing** Cassandra Hayne
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	12,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

This bill appropriates \$12M to the Administrative Office of the Courts from the general fund for transcription services statewide. Funds are appropriated for expenditure in FY26. Unexpended or unencumbered balance at the end of FY26 shall revert to the general fund.

The bill will become effective 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AOC’s Judicial Information Division has upgraded over 40 courtrooms with state-of-the-art technology that allows for quick transcription of court hearings. This technology requires installation of hardware, software, electrical and data cabling which produces accurate and verifiable digital records for both audio and transcription.

These upgrades significantly enhance the experience of the parties in front of the court, the public, and the trial and appellate processes.

There are over 350 courtrooms and hearing rooms across the state that would benefit from these upgrades and buildouts.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS –

AOC anticipates \$12M will allow for these upgrades in roughly thirty additional courtrooms.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS-

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP-

TECHNICAL ISSUES -

To ensure the funding would cover all aspects of the speech-to-text transcription upgrades AOC

would suggest a small amendment:

On page 1 line 18, replace “for transcription services statewide” with “for statewide implementation of the speech to text project, including hardware, software, installation, and transcription services.”

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES-

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Administrative Office of the Courts will not be able to complete the modernization of courtrooms statewide with hardware, software, and services in support of hybrid judicial proceedings.

AMENDMENTS

On page 1 line 18, replace “for transcription services statewide” with “for statewide implementation of the speech to text project, including hardware, software, installation, and transcription services.”