

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5836

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**Brief Description:** Adding an additional superior court judge in Clark county.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wilson, L., Cleveland, Dhingra, Frame, Mullet, Padden and Rivers; by request of Administrative Office of the Courts.

**Senate Committee on Law & Justice**

**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

**House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary**

**House Committee on Appropriations**

**Background:** The Legislature sets the number of superior court judges in each county. The Washington State Constitution provides that the state and the county share the cost for superior court judges. A superior court judge's benefits and one-half of the salary are paid by the state. The county pays one-half of the judge's salary.

The Board for Judicial Administration recommends the creation of new superior court judge positions based on workload analyses by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Clark County is authorized 11 superior court judges, which was set in 2020.

**Summary:** The authorized number of superior court judges in Clark County is increased from 11 to 12.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0
House	95	1

**Effective:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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