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TO: Senator Richard Sears, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Brian J. Grearson, Chief Superior Judge

DATE: January 23, 2018

SUBJECT: S.49 Increased compensation for Jurors

I offer the following fiscal impact analysis of S.49, a proposal to increase compensation for jurors from \$30.00 per day to \$50.00 per day:

- The Judiciary budgets \$136,767 for juror payments (and that appears to be relatively close to what we actually spend).
- At \$30 per payment, that translates to 4,559 requests for payments.
- We can assume that some individuals do not bother to request the \$30 payments, but would do so at \$50 (given this is a 67% increase).
 - Assuming a 10% increase in requests, total requests would be 5,015.
- At \$50 per, total payments would be \$250,740.
- **That is a cost impact of \$113,973 versus current law.**
- Juror payments are 100% General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Grearson,
Chief Superior Judge