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RE: HB709 Update

The following update to HB709 is provided as required by Section 2, part 2. This report satisfies both reporting dates because the Judicial Branch completed the automated dashboard. Please share this information with the Law and Justice Interim Committee and the Section D Interim Committee as required by HB709.

The automated dashboard is available at:

The following links correspond to the required reporting in the bill. Please note the dashboard or measures will be updated either quarterly or yearly as required.

Section 1. District court and judge key performance indicators display. (1) There is a district court and judge key performance indicator display to allow the public to view reports or other static documents related to court and judge performance. At a minimum, the display must be updated: [Performance Measures/Statistics \(mt.gov\)](https://www.mt.gov/PerformanceMeasures/Statistics)

(a) quarterly for:

- (i) statewide case processing measures ([Tableau dashboard](#)); and
- (ii) case processing measures, including on-time case processing statistics, case clearance rates, and age of active cases statistics ([Tableau dashboard](#)); and

(b) annually for:

- (i) case filings by major case categories ([Tableau dashboard](#));
- (ii) new case filings ([Tableau dashboard](#) and [Performance Measures/Statistics \(mt.gov\)](https://www.mt.gov/PerformanceMeasures/Statistics));
- (iii) workload filings by judicial district ([Performance Measures/Statistics \(mt.gov\)](https://www.mt.gov/PerformanceMeasures/Statistics))

(iv) rates at which each district court judge's decisions are overturned wholly or in part on appeal (**calendar year 2023 will be posted in January 2024**)

(2) The data described in subsection (1)(a)(ii) must be published for each judge (**Tableau dashboard**). The court administrator shall publish a comprehensive year end report (**Tableau dashboard and [Performance Measures/Statistics \(mt.gov\)](#)**).

Detailed instructions and definitions for the performance measures are on the website. However, we can provide a demonstration or more detailed information if requested.

c: Rep. Jane Gillette