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The Judicial Branch five-year capital improvement plan includes \$373,725 for the construction of two additional judicial suites on the second floor of the Judicial Center. This request was included in the plan submitted last year. Last year's plan also requested funding to construct a judicial suite due to the expansion of the Court of Appeals effective in January 2014. The 2013 Legislature approved funding for the suite needed due to the expansion, but did not approve funding for the additional two judicial suites.

Twelve of the fourteen judges of the Court of Appeals suites are located on the second floor of the Judicial Center, while two of the judges have offices on the third floor. This construction project would allow two Court of Appeals judges and their staff to be moved onto the same floor as the rest of the Court of Appeals, opening space on the 3rd floor of the building for a consolidation of Supreme Court staff. It would also make more efficient use of limited space within the Judicial Center. The FY 2015 enhancement budget request includes \$373,725 for construction of two judicial suites.