

Judicial

Statewide

Almost \$2.2 million is provided for judges' salary increases approved by the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. At the Supreme Court level, \$230,000 is provided for the justices. For justices at the Court of Appeals, \$388,000 is provided. At the Superior Court level, judges will receive an additional \$1.6 million.

Office of the Administrator for the Courts

An appropriation of \$686,000 will support the state's portion of the costs of newly-appointed Superior Court judges in Spokane, Snohomish, Pierce, Lewis, and King counties. Funds will pay for half of the judges' salaries and non-retirement benefits, and for all the judges' retirement benefits.

Approximately \$1.4 million is provided for salary increases associated with the reclassification of judicial branch information systems personnel. The adjustment is provided to make salaries commensurate with those of executive branch information systems staff.

Supported by an appropriation of \$30,000, the Office will convene a task force to examine potential statutory revisions, which, if implemented, would reduce the likelihood of the inappropriate imposition of the death penalty.

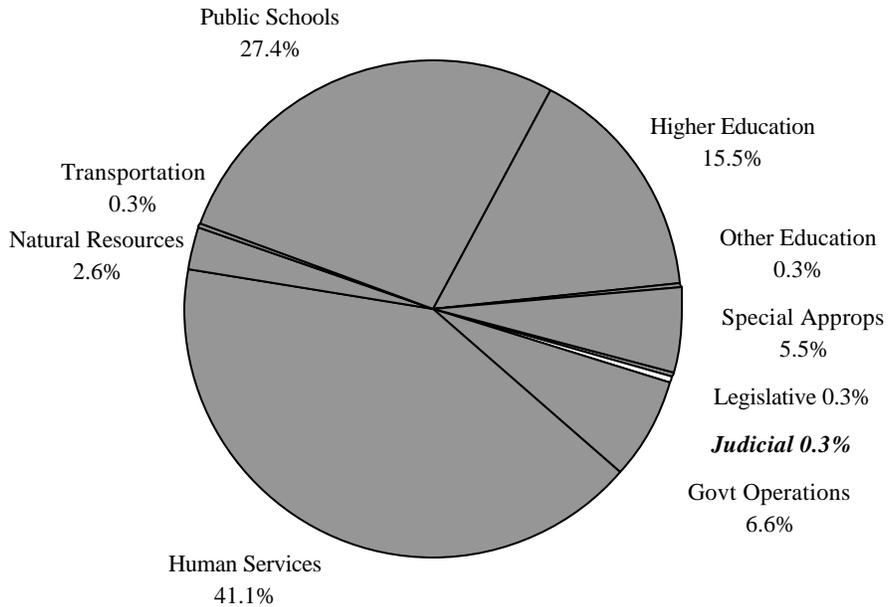
Office of Public Defense

A total of \$500,000 is provided to implement a pilot program to enhance the legal representation for indigent persons in dependency hearings. The pilot will seek to reduce the number of continuances sought by defense attorneys and thus the amount of time that dependents spend in foster care.

An amount of \$50,000 will support an evaluation of and report on the enhanced DNA testing process, established by Chapter 92, Laws of 2000 (SHB 2491), for persons sentenced to death or to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

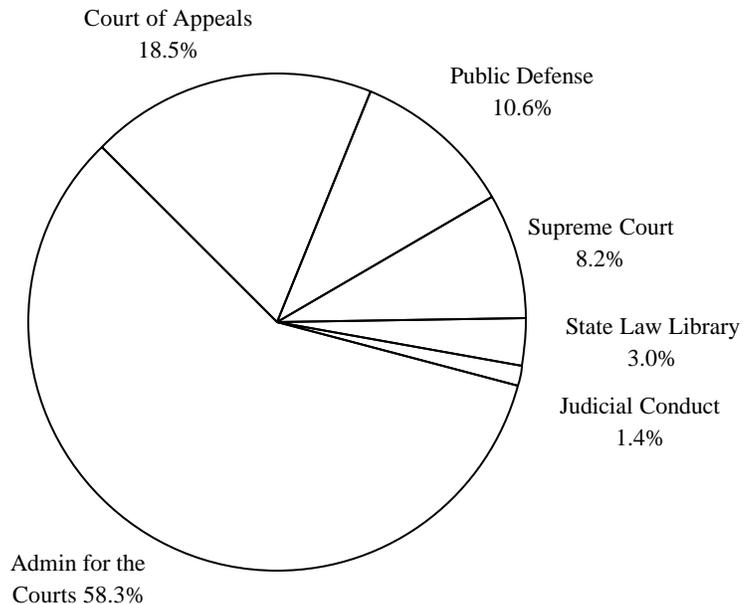
1999-01 Washington State Operating Budget
Total Budgeted Funds
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	124,815
Judicial	123,118
Governmental Operations	2,518,891
Human Services	15,566,757
Natural Resources	997,655
Transportation	110,297
Public Schools	10,398,399
Higher Education	5,875,347
Other Education	101,506
Special Appropriations	2,100,858
Statewide Total	37,917,643



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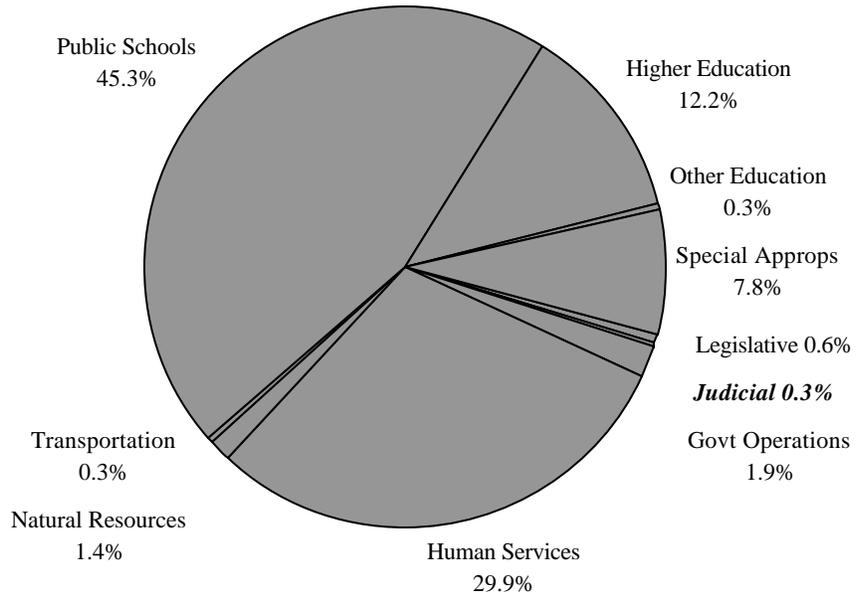
Admin for the Courts	71,814
Court of Appeals	22,779
Office of Public Defense	12,990
Supreme Court	10,094
State Law Library	3,685
Judicial Conduct Comm	1,756
Judicial	123,118



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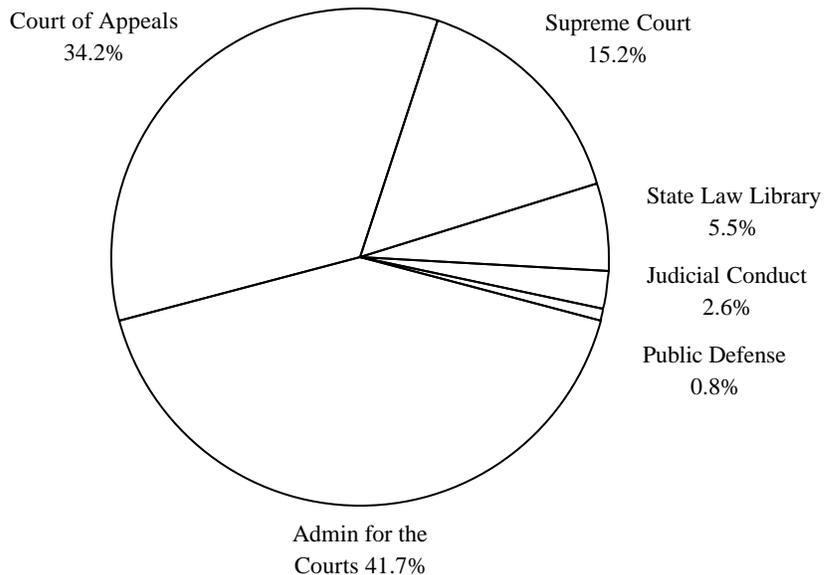
1999-01 Washington State Operating Budget
General Fund-State
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	117,683
Judicial	66,527
Governmental Operations	398,761
Human Services	6,235,457
Natural Resources	299,174
Transportation	52,823
Public Schools	9,442,945
Higher Education	2,547,801
Other Education	54,521
Special Appropriations	1,634,494
Statewide Total	20,850,186



Washington State

Admin for the Courts	27,713
Court of Appeals	22,779
Supreme Court	10,094
State Law Library	3,685
Judicial Conduct Comm	1,756
Office of Public Defense	500
Judicial	66,527



Judicial

Supreme Court

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1999-01 Original Appropriations	9,864	0	9,864
Total Maintenance Changes	0	0	0
Policy Changes			
1. Salary Commission Recommendations	230	0	230
2. Redistribute Appropriation	0	0	0
Total Policy Changes	230	0	230
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1999-01 Revised Appropriations	10,094	0	10,094
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	4,980	0	4,980
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	5,114	0	5,114

Comments:

1. **Salary Commission Recommendations** - Funding is provided for salary increases awarded to the justices by the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The Commission awarded increases of 7 percent and 3 percent effective September 1, 1999, and September 1, 2000, respectively.

2. **Redistribute Appropriation** - The Supreme Court received \$112,000 for equipment and building maintenance in the 1996 supplemental budget for the second year of the 1995-97 biennium. The appropriation is redistributed to provide \$56,000 for maintenance issues in each year of the current biennium.

Court of Appeals

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1999-01 Original Appropriations	22,361	0	22,361
Total Maintenance Changes	0	0	0
Policy Changes			
1. Salary Commission Recommendations	388	0	388
2. Periodic Salary Increments	30	0	30
Total Policy Changes	418	0	418
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1999-01 Revised Appropriations	22,779	0	22,779
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	11,088	0	11,088
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	11,691	0	11,691

Comments:

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2. **Periodic Salary Increments** - Funds are provided for step increases awarded to state employees who have not yet reached the top of their salary range.

Office of the Administrator for the Courts

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1999-01 Original Appropriations	24,394	42,598	66,992
Total Maintenance Changes	0	0	0
Policy Changes			
1. Mandatory Arbitration Program	268	0	268
2. Death Penalty Study	0	30	30
3. CASA Funding Transfer	750	0	750
4. Superior Court Judges Salaries	1,570	0	1,570
5. Newly Appointed Judges	686	0	686
6. Information System Job Reclass	0	1,399	1,399
7. Guardian Certification Oversight Bd	45	0	45
8. Board for Court Education	0	74	74
Total Policy Changes	3,319	1,503	4,822
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1999-01 Revised Appropriations	27,713	44,101	71,814
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	13,144	22,491	35,635
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	14,569	21,610	36,179

Comments:

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| <p>1. Mandatory Arbitration Program - Additional funding is provided for the state's portion of the costs of the Superior Court mandatory arbitration program. The increase is necessary to address an unanticipated level of activity in the program.</p> <p>2. Death Penalty Study - Funding is provided to convene a task force to evaluate potential revisions to existing statutes and court rules so as to decrease the likelihood of the inappropriate imposition of the death penalty. (Public Safety and Education Account)</p> <p>3. CASA Funding Transfer - A portion of the funding for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program is transferred from the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development to the Office of the Administrator for the Courts (OAC), effective July 1, 2000.</p> <p>4. Superior Court Judges Salaries - Funding is provided for salary increases awarded to Superior Court judges by the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The Commission awarded increases of 7 percent and 3 percent effective September 1, 1999, and September 1, 2000, respectively.</p> <p>5. Newly Appointed Judges - Provides funds for the state's share of the salary and benefits of recently-appointed Superior Court judges in Spokane, Snohomish, Pierce, Lewis, and King counties.</p> <p>6. Information System Job Reclass - Provides funds for salary increases for judicial information technology positions so as to make salary levels commensurate with those in similar executive branch positions. Funding is provided at this time because the salaries of judicial branch agency employees are not evaluated under Chapter 319, Laws of 1996 (SSB 6767), the reclassification process for executive branch employees. (Judicial Information Systems Account)</p> | <p>7. Guardian Certification Oversight Bd - Chapter 312, Laws of 1997 (ESHB 1771), required the OAC to establish certification requirements for professional guardians. One-time funding is provided to implement the certification program. In future biennia, the program is expected to be self supporting.</p> <p>8. Board for Court Education - Funding is provided to manage the increase in participation by new judges and court managers and the increase in rental costs for meeting facilities. (Public Safety and Education Account)</p> |
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Office of Public Defense

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1999-01 Original Appropriations	0	12,440	12,440
Total Maintenance Changes	0	0	0
Policy Changes			
1. Indigent Representation Pilot	500	0	500
2. DNA Testing Evaluation	0	50	50
Total Policy Changes	500	50	550
1999-01 Revised Appropriations	500	12,490	12,990
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	0	6,210	6,210
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	500	6,280	6,780

Comments:

1. **Indigent Representation Pilot** - Funding is provided to conduct a pilot program in two juvenile courts to enhance the quality of legal representation for indigent individuals. The pilot program will seek to reduce the number of continuances sought by defense attorneys in dependency hearings, thus reducing the amount of time dependents stay in foster care.

2. **DNA Testing Evaluation** - Chapter 92, Laws of 2000 (SHB 2491), enhances the formalization of the DNA testing process for persons sentenced to death or life imprisonment without the possibility of release or parole. Funding is provided to the Office to evaluate and report the results of the enhanced process and to provide an estimate of the number of people convicted of crimes where DNA evidence did not meet scientific standards or was not sufficiently developed to test the evidence. The Office will submit the report by December 1, 2001. (Public Safety and Education Account)