

Judicial

Judicial Enhancements

Core Case Management System

A total of \$20.5 million of Judicial Information System funds is provided to plan, procure, and implement a modern and integrated statewide court case management system for Washington State courts. The current system was built during the 1970s and 1980s and is used at every court level in the State to manage criminal and civil cases and to collect and distribute revenue. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) must complete feasibility studies before initiating work.

Public Defense Improvement at the Trial Level

Funding in the amount of \$7.1 million from General Fund-State is provided to increase the state's contribution to counties to improve the quality and caseload standards for public defense services at the trial level.

Parents' Representation Program Expansion

The amount of \$6.6 million from General Fund-State is provided to expand the Parents' Representation Program, which provides counsel to indigent parents involved in dependency and termination cases.

Civil Legal Aid Enhancements

The amount of \$5.3 million from General Fund-State is provided to establish a legal aid presence in eight underserved rural areas of the state as well as to provide access to 190,000 low-income residents of King County. A 3.0 percent vendor rate increase over the biennium to the Northwest Justice Project, the single contractor of civil legal aid services, is also included in this amount.

Becca Funding

The Becca Law requires schools to inform students' parents of unexcused absences. If a student has seven unexcused absences in a month, or ten in an academic year, the school district must file a truancy petition in juvenile court. The amount of \$3.3 million is provided to county juvenile courts and \$0.6 million to school districts to offset the costs associated with processing Truancy, At Risk Youth, and Children in Need of Services petitions.

Removal of Language Barriers at the Superior Court Level

A total of \$2.0 million from General Fund-State is provided to AOC for partial reimbursement to the superior courts for the cost of providing certified and registered spoken language interpreters and qualified interpreters in visual languages. AOC will assist superior courts in developing and implementing limited English proficiency plans and will also translate critical court forms for statewide use.

Dissolution Proceedings

Chapter 496, Laws of 2007 (2SSB 5470), provides funding for the following items:

- \$0.7 million to counties to provide guardian ad litem services for the indigent at a reduced or waived fee.
- \$0.3 million to AOC and the Department of Social and Health Services to implement data tracking provisions.
- \$0.2 million for the Supreme Court to convene a task force on dissolution, dispute resolution, and domestic violence.
- \$0.1 million to AOC to develop training materials for the family court liaisons.
- \$0.09 million to the county clerks for reimbursement costs related to the Family Law Handbook for Washington State.

Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Salary Increases

Funding of \$1.9 million from General Fund-State is provided for salary increases for the Supreme Court law clerks and eligible Court of Appeals employees.

Court of Appeals Judges Per Diem

General Fund-State funding of \$0.2 million is provided for implementation of Chapter 34, Laws of 2007 (SB 5351), is included to provide for the reimbursement of work-related travel expenses from a judge's customary residence to the division headquarters and back. Judges elected from, or residing in, the county in which the division is headquartered are not eligible for work-related travel expenses.

Guardianship Enhancements

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Enhancement

The amount of \$6.0 million from General Fund-State is provided for the local CASA programs to hire volunteer coordinators, in order to increase the ratio of volunteer coordinators to volunteers according to National CASA best practice standards. CASA programs train volunteer advocates to act as guardians ad litem for abused and neglected children in the dependency court system.

Creation of the Public Guardianship Office

Funding of \$1.5 million from General Fund-State and staff are provided for implementation of Chapter 364, Laws of 2007, Partial Veto (SSB 5320). The bill creates an Office of Public Guardianship within AOC to provide guardianship services to low-income individuals who have been determined by the court to need the services of a guardian.

Guardian Grievance Investigation

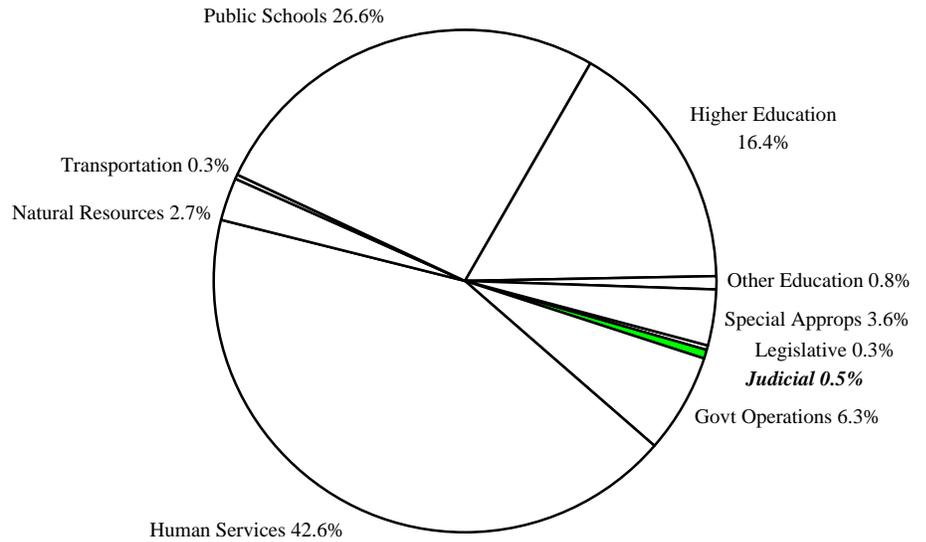
The sum of \$0.2 million from General Fund-State is provided for staff and resources to enhance the Certified Professional Guardian Program. There are approximately 16,000 open guardianships in Washington State at any given time. By law, oversight of these cases is assigned to the courts. Additional support for investigations and monitoring is provided to facilitate ongoing court involvement and supervision in certified professional guardianship cases.

2007-09 Washington State Omnibus Operating Budget

Total Budgeted Funds

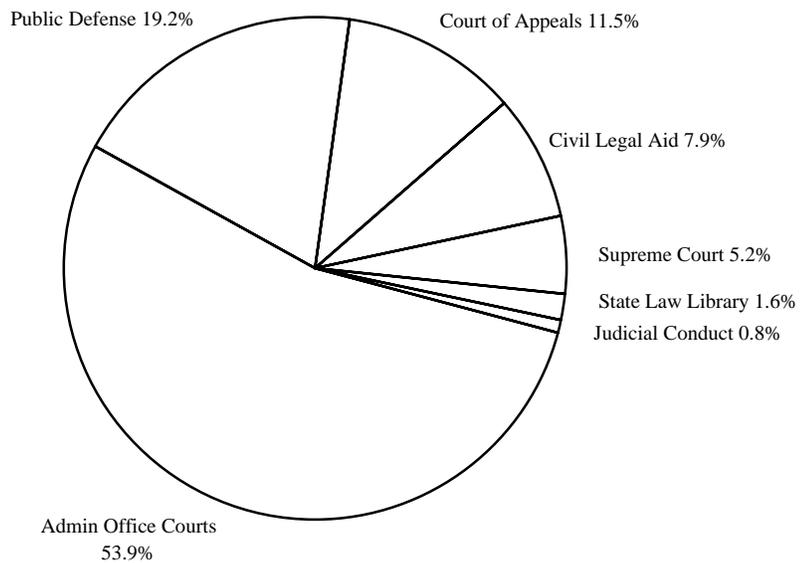
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	170,750
Judicial	284,457
Governmental Operations	3,569,722
Human Services	24,186,777
Natural Resources	1,540,992
Transportation	169,985
Public Schools	15,070,666
Higher Education	9,282,202
Other Education	443,499
Special Appropriations	2,043,434
Statewide Total	56,762,484



Washington State

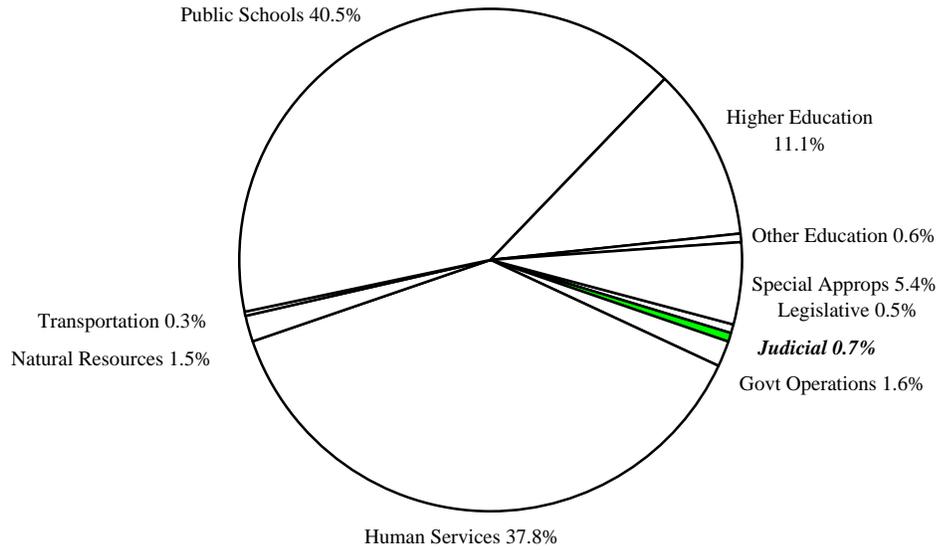
Admin Office Courts	153,240
Office of Public Defense	54,622
Court of Appeals	32,598
Civil Legal Aid	22,477
Supreme Court	14,765
State Law Library	4,490
Judicial Conduct Comm	2,265
Judicial	284,457



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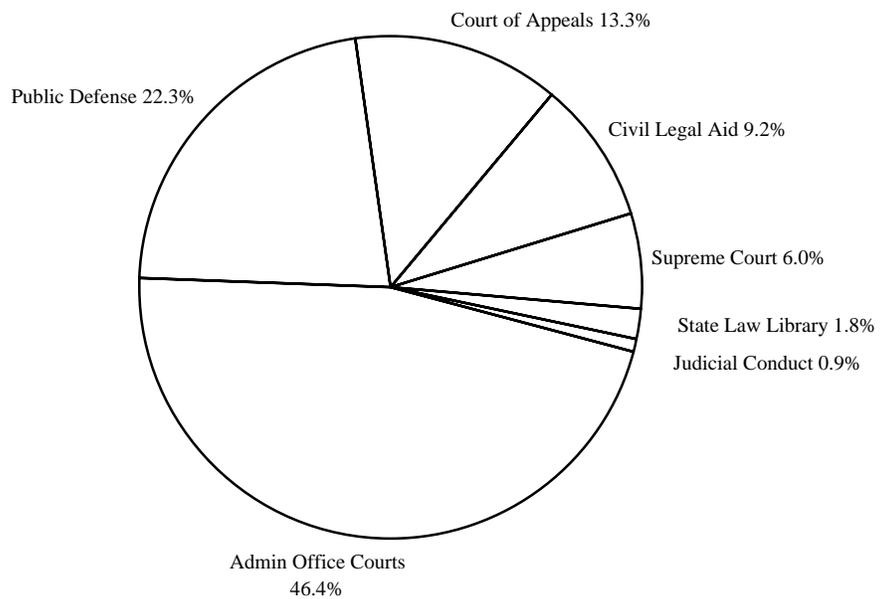
2007-09 Washington State Omnibus Operating Budget
Near General Fund - State
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	165,845
Judicial	245,020
Governmental Operations	548,713
Human Services	12,611,120
Natural Resources	506,430
Transportation	90,176
Public Schools	13,524,072
Higher Education	3,689,446
Other Education	184,163
Special Appropriations	1,799,422
Statewide Total	33,364,407



Washington State

Admin Office Courts	113,803
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For a definition of Near General Fund-State, please see page 12.

Supreme Court

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	12,529	0	12,529
2007 Supplemental *	4	0	4
Total 2005-07 Biennium	12,533	0	12,533
2007-09 Maintenance Level	13,356	0	13,356
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. Task Force	205	0	205
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	205	0	205
Policy Changes - Comp			
2. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing	-18	0	-18
3. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit	55	0	55
4. Nonrepresented Salary Increase	381	0	381
5. Nonrepresented Additional Step	78	0	78
6. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)	161	0	161
7. Compensation Survey Implementation	534	0	534
8. Position Reclassification	13	0	13
Policy -- Comp Total	1,204	0	1,204
Total 2007-09 Biennium	14,765	0	14,765
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	7,255	0	7,255
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	7,510	0	7,510

Comments:

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| <p>1. Task Force - The budget provides one-time funding pursuant to Chapter 496, Laws of 2007 (2SSB 5470), for the Supreme Court to convene a task force on dissolution, dispute resolution, and domestic violence.</p> <p>2. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing - Funding is provided for employer contribution rate changes associated with revising gain-sharing benefits. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>3. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit - Funding is provided to increase employer funding rates for nonrepresented employee health benefits sufficiently so that employer payments defray 88 percent of the cost of health insurance premiums. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>4. Nonrepresented Salary Increase - Funding is provided for salary adjustments of 3.2 percent on September 1, 2007, and 2.0 percent on September 1, 2008, for nonrepresented state employees. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>5. Nonrepresented Additional Step - Funding is provided for an approximate additional 2.5 percent step L on the salary grid for nonrepresented state employees who have been at Step K for at least one year. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> | <p>6. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%) - Funding is provided to continue the 1.6 percent increase that took effect September 1, 2006. (General Fund-State, various other funds)</p> <p>7. Compensation Survey Implementation - The Court is provided funding for implementation of the 2006 Total Compensation Survey prepared by the Department of Personnel.</p> <p>8. Position Reclassification - An Assistant Editor in the Office of Reporter of Decisions will be reclassified to Senior Editor because the job duties have been expanded to include supervision of staff. This position will receive a merit increment in FY 2009.</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">* Please see the 2007 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.</p> |
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State Law Library

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	4,042	0	4,042
2007-09 Maintenance Level	4,023	0	4,023
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. Technology Software	8	0	8
2. Technology Hardware	4	0	4
3. Assistant Law Librarian	140	0	140
4. Publication Inflation	218	0	218
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	370	0	370
Policy Changes - Comp			
5. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing	-2	0	-2
6. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit	10	0	10
7. Nonrepresented Salary Increase	51	0	51
8. Nonrepresented Additional Step	16	0	16
9. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)	22	0	22
Policy -- Comp Total	97	0	97
Total 2007-09 Biennium	4,490	0	4,490
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	2,231	0	2,231
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	2,259	0	2,259

Comments:

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| <p>1. Technology Software - Funding is provided for the purchase of QuestionPoint 24/7 software which will allow the Law Library to continue its virtual reference service to the public via e-mail and chat.</p> <p>2. Technology Hardware - Funding is provided to replace server wiring with a T1 line to upgrade library computer software.</p> <p>3. Assistant Law Librarian - Funding is provided for an Assistant Law Librarian position.</p> <p>4. Publication Inflation - Funding is provided for inflation costs of electronic and paper legal publications.</p> <p>5. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing - Funding is provided for employer contribution rate changes associated with revising gain-sharing benefits. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>6. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit - Funding is provided to increase employer funding rates for nonrepresented employee health benefits sufficiently so that employer payments defray 88 percent of the cost of health insurance premiums. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>7. Nonrepresented Salary Increase - Funding is provided for salary adjustments of 3.2 percent on September 1, 2007, and 2.0 percent on September 1, 2008, for nonrepresented state employees. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> | <p>8. Nonrepresented Additional Step - Funding is provided for an approximate additional 2.5 percent step L on the salary grid for nonrepresented state employees who have been at Step K for at least one year. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>9. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%) - Funding is provided to continue the 1.6 percent increase that took effect September 1, 2006. (General Fund-State, various other funds)</p> |
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Court of Appeals

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	28,389	0	28,389
2007 Supplemental *	54	0	54
Total 2005-07 Biennium	28,443	0	28,443
2007-09 Maintenance Level	29,531	0	29,531
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. Travel Reimbursement for Judges	200	0	200
2. Tacoma Rhodes Lease	36	0	36
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	236	0	236
Policy Changes - Comp			
3. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing	-37	0	-37
4. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit	127	0	127
5. Nonrepresented Salary Increase	815	0	815
6. Nonrepresented Additional Step	189	0	189
7. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)	343	0	343
8. Merit System Increments	476	0	476
9. Compensation Survey Implementation	918	0	918
Policy -- Comp Total	2,831	0	2,831
Total 2007-09 Biennium	32,598	0	32,598
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	15,779	0	15,779
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	16,819	0	16,819

Comments:

1. **Travel Reimbursement for Judges** - Funding is provided for Chapter 34, Laws of 2007 (SB 5351). The bill authorizes the Court of Appeals to adopt rules providing for the reimbursement of work-related travel expenses from a judge's customary residence to the division headquarters and back. Judges elected from or residing in the county in which the division is headquartered are not eligible for work-related travel expenses.
2. **Tacoma Rhodes Lease** - The Department of General Administration will increase lease rates for state agencies in the Tacoma Rhodes Center effective July 1, 2007. The new rates will mitigate an operating deficit associated with the state-owned building. Funding is provided for the lease increase.
3. **Revise Pension Gain-Sharing** - Funding is provided for employer contribution rate changes associated with revising gain-sharing benefits. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.
4. **Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit** - Funding is provided to increase employer funding rates for nonrepresented employee health benefits sufficiently so that employer payments defray 88 percent of the cost of health insurance premiums. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.
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7. **Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)** - Funding is provided to continue the 1.6 percent increase that took effect September 1, 2006. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
8. **Merit System Increments** - Funding is provided for the 2007-09 step increases for eligible employees of the Court of Appeals.
9. **Compensation Survey Implementation** - The budget provides funding for the Court of Appeals to phase-in a compensation increase for its staff based on findings from a Department of Personnel 2006 salary survey. The budget includes funding for a salary reclassification in FY 2008, followed by a 5 percent merit increase in FY 2009 for 90 of the Court's staff.

* Please see the 2007 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	2,169	0	2,169
2007-09 Maintenance Level	2,193	0	2,193
Policy Changes - Comp			
1. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing	-2	0	-2
2. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit	6	0	6
3. Nonrepresented Salary Increase	48	0	48
4. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)	20	0	20
Policy -- Comp Total	72	0	72
Total 2007-09 Biennium	2,265	0	2,265
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	1,117	0	1,117
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	1,148	0	1,148

Comments:

1. **Revise Pension Gain-Sharing** - Funding is provided for employer contribution rate changes associated with revising gain-sharing benefits. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.
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4. **Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)** - Funding is provided to continue the 1.6 percent increase that took effect September 1, 2006. (General Fund-State, various other funds)

Administrative Office of the Courts

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	91,505	26,051	117,556
2007 Supplemental *	65	0	65
Total 2005-07 Biennium	91,570	26,051	117,621
2007-09 Maintenance Level	95,686	16,660	112,346
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. IT Infrastructure Replacement	0	1,545	1,545
2. Thurston County Impact Fees	110	0	110
3. Core Case Management System	0	20,458	20,458
4. Superior Court Judge	168	0	168
5. Guardian Grievance Investigation	181	0	181
6. Juror Pay Pilot & Research Project	325	0	325
7. Remove Language Barriers to Courts	2,000	0	2,000
8. Representation-Children Dependency	6,000	0	6,000
9. Becca Funding for Court Operations	3,881	0	3,881
10. Gender and Justice Commission	66	0	66
11. Public Guardianship Office	1,483	0	1,483
12. Dissolution Proceedings	986	0	986
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	15,200	22,003	37,203
Policy Changes - Comp			
13. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing	-85	-18	-103
14. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit	267	52	319
15. Nonrepresented Salary Increase	1,700	369	2,069
16. Nonrepresented Additional Step	320	216	536
17. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)	715	155	870
Policy -- Comp Total	2,917	774	3,691
Total 2007-09 Biennium	113,803	39,437	153,240
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	56,257	19,252	75,509
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	57,546	20,185	77,731

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| <p>1. IT Infrastructure Replacement - Funding is provided to finance the replacement of information technology (IT) equipment and software used in the operation and support of the Judicial Information System. (Judicial Information Systems Account-State)</p> <p>2. Thurston County Impact Fees - A 10 percent funding increase is provided to Thurston County Superior Court and the County Clerk's Office to assist with the volume of cases filed in Olympia related to state government.</p> <p>3. Core Case Management System - Funds are provided to plan, procure, and implement a modern and integrated statewide court case management system for Washington State Courts. The current system was built during the 1970s and 1980s and is used at every court level in the state to manage criminal and civil cases and to collect and distribute revenue. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) must complete feasibility studies before initiating work. (Judicial Information Systems Account-State)</p> <p>4. Superior Court Judge - Funding is provided for one new superior court judicial position in Thurston County. By statute,</p> | <p>the state's share of the cost of superior court judges is set at one-half the salary and all of the benefits.</p> <p>5. Guardian Grievance Investigation - Funding is provided for staff and resources to enhance the Certified Professional Guardian Program. There are approximately 16,000 open guardianships in Washington at any given time and oversight of these cases is assigned to the courts. This enhancement will provide additional support for investigations and monitoring to facilitate ongoing court involvement and supervision in certified professional guardianship cases.</p> <p>6. Juror Pay Pilot & Research Project - One-time funding is provided to complete the Juror Pay Research Project that began during FY 2006. State reimbursement to jurors is currently set at \$10 per day. This project is assessing the impact of juror pay on juror response rates and the demographic composition of the jury pool.</p> <p>7. Remove Language Barriers to Courts - AOC will provide partial reimbursement to the trial courts for the cost of providing certified and registered spoken language interpreters and qualified interpreters in visual languages. AOC will assist</p> |
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Administrative Office of the Courts

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 9. **Becca Funding for Court Operations** - The Becca Law requires schools to inform students' parents of unexcused absences. If a student has seven unexcused absences in a month or ten in an academic year, the school district must file a truancy petition in juvenile court. County juvenile courts and school districts are provided with increased resources to offset the costs associated with processing Truancy, At Risk Youth, and Child in Need of Services petitions. An increase of \$600,000 is provided to the school districts, and \$3.3 million is provided to the county juvenile courts.
 10. **Gender and Justice Commission** - Staff for the Gender and Justice Commission is increased from 0.6 to 1.0 FTE in order to accommodate the Commission's increased workload. The workload now includes management of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors grant funding.
 11. **Public Guardianship Office** - Funding is provided for Chapter 364, Laws of 2007, Partial Veto (SSB 5320). The bill creates an Office of Public Guardianship within AOC to provide guardianship services to low-income individuals who have been determined by the court to need the services of a guardian.
 12. **Dissolution Proceedings** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 496, Laws of 2007 (2SSB 5470). Within the amounts provided: 1) \$86,000 is for distribution to the county clerks for reimbursement costs related to "The Family Law Handbook of Washington"; 2) \$700,000 is for distribution to the counties to provide Guardian ad Litem services for the indigent at a reduced or waived fee; 3) \$100,000 is for AOC to implement the data tracking provisions required in section 701 and 702 of the bill; and 4) \$100,000 in FY 2009 is for development of training materials for the liaisons. The budget assumes that the liaison provisions of the bill will not be effective until the 2009-11 biennium.
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Office of Public Defense

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	24,674	0	24,674
2007-09 Maintenance Level	40,038	0	40,038
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. Appellate Pay Rates	490	0	490
2. Parents' Representation Program	6,584	0	6,584
3. Public Defense Quality Standards	7,092	0	7,092
4. Rate Change for Court Reporters	292	0	292
5. Increase for WA Defender Assoc	14	0	14
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	14,472	0	14,472
Policy Changes - Comp			
6. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing	-5	0	-5
7. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit	10	0	10
8. Nonrepresented Salary Increase	75	0	75
9. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%)	32	0	32
Policy -- Comp Total	112	0	112
Total 2007-09 Biennium	54,622	0	54,622
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	27,330	0	27,330
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	27,292	0	27,292

Comments:

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| <p>1. Appellate Pay Rates - Currently, the state pays a flat rate to public defense attorneys who take appellate criminal cases. Funding is provided to create pay categories for complex cases over 500 pages in length. (Public Safety and Education Account-State)</p> <p>2. Parents' Representation Program - Funding is provided to expand the Parents' Representation Program which provides counsel to indigent parents involved in dependency and termination cases.</p> <p>3. Public Defense Quality Standards - Funding is provided to increase the state's contribution to counties to improve the quality and caseload standards for public defense services at the trial level.</p> <p>4. Rate Change for Court Reporters - Court reporters prepare verbatim reports of proceedings for indigent appellate cases and are compensated at a per-page rate set by the Washington Supreme Court. Funding is provided for a rate increase from \$2.80 to \$3.10 per page to offset cost-of-living increases for court reporters who perform these services. (Public Safety and Education Account-State)</p> <p>5. Increase for WA Defender Assoc - The Office of Public Defense contracts with the Washington Defender Association (WDA) to provide resources and training to public defense attorneys. Funding is provided for inflation in the cost of services so that the WDA will continue to provide services at its current level.</p> <p>6. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing - Funding is provided for employer contribution rate changes associated with revising</p> | <p>gain-sharing benefits. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>7. Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit - Funding is provided to increase employer funding rates for nonrepresented employee health benefits sufficiently so that employer payments defray 88 percent of the cost of health insurance premiums. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>8. Nonrepresented Salary Increase - Funding is provided for salary adjustments of 3.2 percent on September 1, 2007, and 2.0 percent on September 1, 2008, for nonrepresented state employees. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.</p> <p>9. Retain FY 2007 Pay Increase (1.6%) - Funding is provided to continue the 1.6 percent increase that took effect September 1, 2006. (General Fund-State, various other funds)</p> |
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Office of Civil Legal Aid

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>NGF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	14,007	0	14,007
2007-09 Maintenance Level	17,209	0	17,209
Policy Changes - Non-Comp			
1. Sole-Source Contracted Services	508	0	508
2. CLA Enhancements	4,761	0	4,761
Policy -- Non-Comp Total	5,269	0	5,269
Policy Changes - Comp			
3. Revise Pension Gain-Sharing	-1	0	-1
Policy -- Comp Total	-1	0	-1
Total 2007-09 Biennium	22,477	0	22,477
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	10,670	0	10,670
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	11,807	0	11,807

Comments:

1. **Sole-Source Contracted Services** - Funding is provided for an inflationary adjustment in the Northwest Justice Projects' (NJP) cost of operations. The Office of Civil Legal Aid (CLA) contracts with NJP for the provision of civil legal aid services to eligible clients. NJP operates a statewide client intake, access, and referral system and maintains field offices in ten locations throughout the state. This amounts to a 3.0 percent vendor rate increase over the 2007-09 biennium.
2. **CLA Enhancements** - Funding is provided to increase statewide civil legal aid capacity in order to address civil legal needs identified in the 2003 Civil Legal Needs Study and implement the recommendations of the Supreme Court's Task Force on Civil Equal Justice Funding and the 2006 Revised State Plan for Delivery of Civil Legal Aid Services. The additional funding will result in the establishment of minimum levels of legal aid presence in eight underserved rural areas of the state as well as to provide access to 190,000 low-income residents of King County.
3. **Revise Pension Gain-Sharing** - Funding is provided for employer contribution rate changes associated with revising gain-sharing benefits. More detailed information about this item is provided in the highlights for Special Appropriations on page 359.