

# Judicial

## **Superior Court Judges**

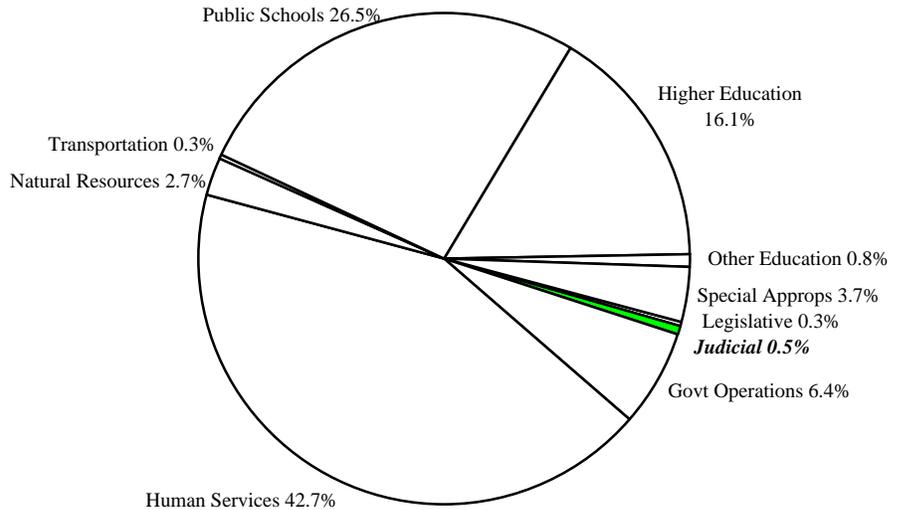
Funding in the amount of \$3.8 million is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts in the maintenance level for an increase in Superior Court judge's salaries and benefits as adopted by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials and to fund five additional judges throughout the state.

## **Family & Juvenile Court Improvement**

Also provided is \$800,000 to the Administrative Office of the Courts to begin implementation of Chapter 279, Laws of 2008 (2SHB 2822). The funding will provide for family court coordinators, additional judicial officer training, and planning and improvement grants to participating courts.

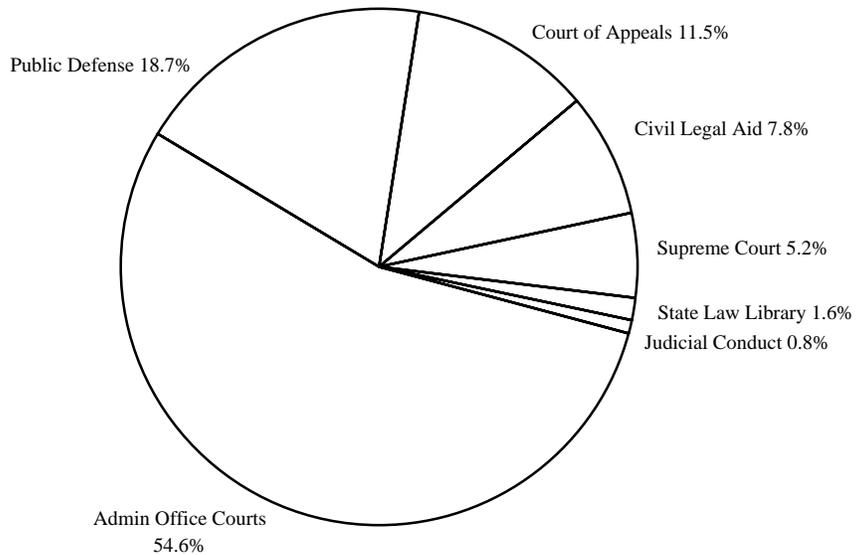
**2007-09 Washington State Omnibus Operating Budget  
Including 2008 Supplemental  
Total Budgeted Funds**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	172,104
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>289,761</b>
Governmental Operations	3,660,925
Human Services	24,411,438
Natural Resources	1,549,219
Transportation	171,443
Public Schools	15,167,950
Higher Education	9,212,934
Other Education	447,620
Special Appropriations	2,113,197
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>57,196,591</b>



**Washington State**

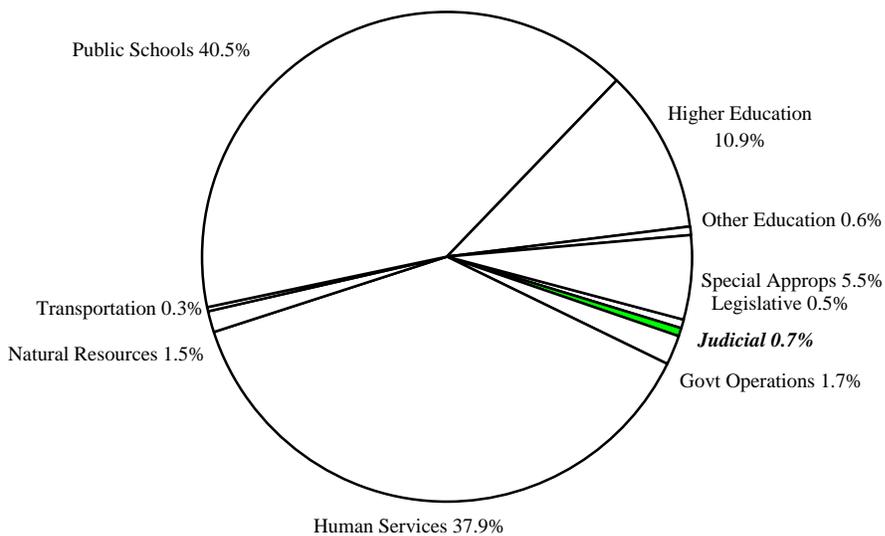
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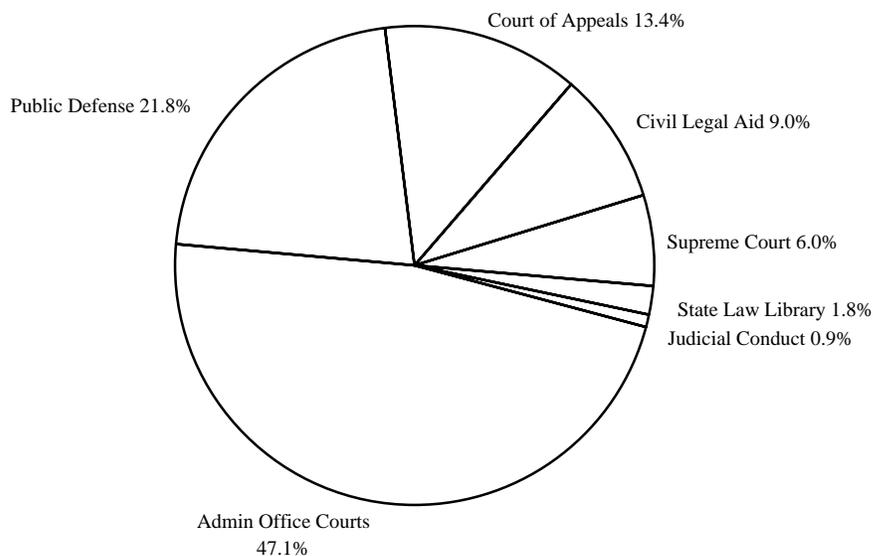
**2007-09 Washington State Omnibus Operating Budget**  
**Including 2008 Supplemental**  
**Near General Fund - State**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	167,290
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>248,838</b>
Governmental Operations	572,949
Human Services	12,745,221
Natural Resources	509,186
Transportation	85,614
Public Schools	13,621,900
Higher Education	3,653,746
Other Education	188,438
Special Appropriations	1,862,037
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>33,655,219</b>



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**Judicial**

**Supreme Court**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>NGF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>14,765</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,765</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>357</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
1. PEBB Rate Reduction	-132	0	-132
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-132</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>14,990</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,990</b>
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-132	0	-132

**Comments:**

- 1. PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

### State Law Library

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,490</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Online Computer Library Center	18	0	18
2. Innovative Interfaces Incorporated	43	0	43
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
3. PEBB Rate Reduction	-25	0	-25
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-25</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,537</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	30	0	30
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	6	0	6

**Comments:**

1. **Online Computer Library Center** - Funding is provided to cover costs associated with operation of the Online Computer Library Center, an electronic bibliographic utility that tracks legal materials for court personnel. Funding for the system was previously included in the budget for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).
  
2. **Innovative Interfaces Incorporated** - Funding is provided for operating costs for Innovative Interfaces Incorporated, an integrated library system that links bibliographic information across functions. Funding for the system was previously included in the budget for AOC.
  
3. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

### Court of Appeals

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>32,598</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,598</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>799</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Additional Staff	138	0	138
2. Security Services	10	0	10
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
3. PEBB Rate Reduction	-308	0	-308
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-308</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>33,237</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,237</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	2	0	2
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-162	0	-162

**Comments:**

1. **Additional Staff** - Funding is provided for the Court of Appeals, Division II, to add one full-time staff attorney position.
  
2. **Security Services** - Funding is provided to expand courtroom security services to include contract security services during Court of Appeals commissioners' oral arguments in Division III.
  
3. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

**Commission on Judicial Conduct**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>NGF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,265</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
1. PEBB Rate Reduction	-14	0	-14
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-14</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,251</b>
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-14	0	-14

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## Administrative Office of the Courts

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>113,803</b>	<b>39,437</b>	<b>153,240</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>4,717</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,719</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Disaster Recovery	0	107	107
2. Family & Juvenile Court Improvement	800	0	800
3. Transfer of Library Systems	-57	0	-57
4. Access Coordinator	90	0	90
5. Judicial Information Fund Adj	-1,500	1,500	0
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>-667</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>940</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
6. PEBB Rate Reduction	-640	-123	-763
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-640</b>	<b>-123</b>	<b>-763</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>117,213</b>	<b>40,923</b>	<b>158,136</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	-1,861	1,552	-309
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	554	-68	486

**Comments:**

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| <p><b>1. Disaster Recovery</b> - One-time funding is provided for restoration of the Judicial Information Systems, and statewide court connectivity to those systems, in the event of a disaster that disables access to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) data center. The funding provides for hardware, mainframe, server, and network components needed for successful testing and recovery in the event of a disaster. (Judicial Information Systems Account-State)</p> <p><b>2. Family &amp; Juvenile Court Improvement</b> - Funding is provided to begin implementation of Chapter 279, Laws of 2008 (2SHB 2822). The funding will provide for family court coordinators, additional judicial officer training, and planning and improvement grants to participating courts in order to implement improvements consistent with Unified Family Court Principles.</p> <p><b>3. Transfer of Library Systems</b> - Funding for law library management systems is transferred from AOC to the State Law Library.</p> <p><b>4. Access Coordinator</b> - Funding is provided for a court access and accommodation coordinator position, pursuant to Chapter 148, Laws of 2008 (2SHB 2903), to review the needs of courts statewide and to provide guidance and assistance to local courts on training and other assistance related to access to courts and court services for persons with disabilities.</p> <p><b>5. Judicial Information Fund Adj</b> - Revenues to the Judicial Information Systems (JIS) Account are \$1.5 million above forecast. A one-time transfer of \$1.5 million is made to fund JIS costs out of the JIS Account instead of the state's near general fund. (Judicial Information Systems Account-State, Public Safety and Education Account-State)</p> | <p><b>6. PEBB Rate Reduction</b> - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.</p> |
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## Office of Public Defense

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>54,622</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54,622</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Parents Rep Program -Whatcom County	398	0	398
2. One-Time Lapsed Funding	-200	0	-200
3. Self-Sufficient Pilots	-500	0	-500
4. Child Long-Term Well Being	235	0	235
5. Governor Veto	-398	0	-398
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>-465</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-465</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
6. PEBB Rate Reduction	-24	0	-24
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-24</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>54,133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54,133</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	-200	0	-200
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-289	0	-289

**Comments:**

1. **Parents Rep Program -Whatcom County** - The Office of Public Defense operates a program providing legal representation to indigent parents involved in dependency and termination proceedings. Funding is provided to expand this program to indigent parents in Whatcom County starting October 1, 2008. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
2. **One-Time Lapsed Funding** - A one-time adjustment is made to the Office of Public Defense to reflect under-expenditures due to three and four month delays in executing the contracts for the Parents Representation program in FY 2008.
3. **Self-Sufficient Pilots** - Chapter 457, Laws of 2005 (ESSB 5454 - Courts Funding), provided \$500,000 per year in funding for the Office of Public Defense to perform pilot projects to improve criminal indigent defense. The three pilots, located in Bellingham Municipal Court, Thurston District Court, and Grant Juvenile Court, received funding. The jurisdictions and the Office expect the pilots to become self-sufficient as of June 30, 2008. (Equal Justice Sub-Account-State)
4. **Child Long-Term Well Being** - Chapter 152, Laws of 2008 (E2SHB 3205), requires the Superior Court to direct the filing of a petition to terminate parental rights when a child has been in foster care for 15 of the past 22 months unless a good cause exemption is determined by the court. Funding is provided for the increased workload due to the requirements of E2SHB 3205.
5. **Governor Veto** - The Governor vetoed Section 113(2) of Chapter 329, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (ESHB 2687), which provided funding to expand the Parents Representation program to Whatcom County starting October 1, 2008.
6. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution

rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.