

Agency 048

Court of Appeals

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2005-07 Expenditure Authority	144.6	28,310	80	28,390
Total Maintenance Level	144.6	29,768		29,768
Difference		1,458	(80)	1,378
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	5.2%	(100.0)%	4.9%
Performance Changes				
Additional Staff	6.0	1,098		1,098
Compensation Survey Implementation		741		741
Subtotal	6.0	1,839		1,839
Total Proposed Budget	150.6	31,607		31,607
Difference	6.0	3,297	(80)	3,217
Percent Change from Current Biennium	4.1%	11.6%	(100.0)%	11.3%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Adjudication and Appeals from Lower Courts	150.6	31,607		31,607
Total Proposed Budget	150.6	31,607		31,607

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Additional Staff

Divisions I, II, and III of the Court of Appeals need to add staff positions. Division I will add two full-time positions: a chief deputy clerk and judicial administrative assistant. Division II will add three full-time staff positions: two staff attorneys and a senior case manager. Division III will add one full-time staff attorney.

Compensation Survey Implementation

The Court is provided funding for a phased implementation of the 2006 Total Compensation Survey prepared by the Department of Personnel.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Adjudication and Appeals from Lower Courts

The primary purpose of the Court of Appeals is to serve as the intermediary appellate court for the state of Washington in the adjudication of laws. Statutes give the Court exclusive appellate jurisdiction in almost all appeals from a lower court decision. Court rules require the Court to accept review of a final judgment entered in any action in Superior Court. The Court operates in three divisions in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane.