

Supreme Court

Article IV, State Constitution; RCW 2.04, 4.88

Current Law Budget

Request	\$15,652,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$941,586	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	6.4%	Increase

The Supreme Court is the state's highest court and serves as the final rule-making body for all other state courts. The Court publishes opinions, sets precedents for subsequent cases decided in Washington, has original jurisdiction of petitions against state officers, reviews key trial court decisions, and provides continuing guidance for the judiciary. In addition, the Supreme Court has administrative responsibility for the state court system and supervisory responsibility over certain activities of the Washington State Bar Association, including attorney disciplinary matters.

Agency Mission

The Supreme Court, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Washington State Constitution and Chapter 2.04 RCW, is the state's "court of last resort" and is responsible for administering the judicial branch of state government. The Court's mission remains one of providing an independent, accessible, and responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2007-09 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2005-07 Actual	2007-09 Estimated	2009-11 Proposed
14,990,000	299,586	General Fund - Basic Account - State	12,276,903	14,690,414	15,652,000
		Pension Funding Stabilization Acct - State	37,000		
<u>14,990,000</u>	<u>299,586</u>	Total Appropriated Funds	<u>12,313,903</u>	<u>14,690,414</u>	<u>15,652,000</u>
		Non-Appropriated Funds			
		Savings Incentive Account - Non-Appropriated		20,000	

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2005-07 Actual		2007-09 Estimated		2009-11 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	933,051	8.2%	2,396,511	19.5%	941,586	6.4%

Employment Summary

	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Estimated	2008-09 Estimated	2009-10 Proposed	2010-11 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	63.6	62.9	64.9	63.9	63.9