

Agency 056

Office of Public Defense

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2013-15 Expenditure Authority	16.2	64,129	3,800	67,929
Total Maintenance Level	16.2	64,134	3,800	67,934
Difference		5		5
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Performance Changes				
Department of Social and Health Services Permanency Initiative		1,946		1,946
Immigration Consequences		100		100
Federal Grant Authority			152	152
Appellate Indigent Funding-Death Penalty		225		225
State Employee Health Insurance		(11)		(11)
Subtotal		2,260	152	2,412
Total Proposed Budget	16.2	66,394	3,952	70,346
Difference		2,265	152	2,417
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	3.5%	4.0%	3.6%

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Department of Social and Health Services Permanency Initiative

Funding is provided for the anticipated one-time increase in case filings related to the DSHS Permanency Initiative. The Office of Public Defense (OPD) assumes that 585 parents' representations will be needed for the 433 additional filings and that they will provide representation for 556 parents.

Immigration Consequences

The Office of Public Defense will expand the Washington Defender Association's immigration consequences advisement program with sufficient funding appropriated for Fiscal Year 2014. Funding is provided for Fiscal Year 2015 to maintain the constitutionally mandated work of providing effective assistance of counsel by public defense attorneys to advise noncitizen clients of the immigration consequences of convictions.

Federal Grant Authority

The Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded OPD federal funding under the Capital Case Litigation Initiative for a death penalty trial training program. Additional expenditure authority is provided to expend federal funding in Fiscal Year 2015, the last year of the federal grant. (General Fund-Federal)

JUDICIAL

Appellate Indigent Funding-Death Penalty

During 2013, attorneys have been appointed for three major new death penalty appellate cases as well as three additional death penalty appellate cases. OPD does not have sufficient funds in its budget to pay the necessary attorney costs for these indigent appellate cases.

State Employee Health Insurance

Funding for state employee health insurance is adjusted from \$763 per month per employee to \$703 per month per employee in Fiscal Year 2015. (General Fund-State, Other Funds)