

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 100

Office of Attorney General

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2013-15 Expenditure Authority	1,071.5	20,588	207,663	228,251
Total Maintenance Level	1,071.7	21,714	208,075	229,789
Difference	.3	1,126	412	1,538
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	5.5%	0.2%	0.7%
Performance Changes				
Anti-Trust Litigation Increase			528	528
Increased Legal Services to Agencies	8.1		5,075	5,075
Moore v. HCA Litigation	1.9		2,414	2,414
Recruitment and Retention		182	3,220	3,402
Parental Termination Cases	13.5		4,163	4,163
Office of Chief Information Officer Services			1	1
State Employee Health Insurance		(85)	(834)	(919)
Subtotal	23.5	97	14,567	14,664
Total Proposed Budget	1,095.2	21,811	222,642	244,453
Difference	23.8	1,223	14,979	16,202
Percent Change from Current Biennium	2.2%	5.9%	7.2%	7.1%

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Anti-Trust Litigation Increase

Additional expenditure authority is provided from the Anti-Trust Revolving Account to cover direct litigation costs for pending cases. (Anti-Trust Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Increased Legal Services to Agencies

Ongoing legal expenses that were previously managed through interagency agreements will be incorporated into the regular expenditure and recovery process of the Legal Services Revolving Account. This will eliminate eight interagency agreements and incorporate these regular and ongoing legal expenditures into the budgets approved by the Legislature for both client agencies and the Office of the Attorney General. Additional funding is also provided for increased legal services billings to the Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises for increased standard legal services and the Department of Corrections for litigation related to interest arbitration. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

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Moore v. HCA Litigation

Additional billing authority is provided for litigation costs associated with a major class action lawsuit against the Health Care Authority entitled Moore, et al. v. Health Care Authority. Plaintiffs claim the state failed to provide statutorily-mandated health benefits to non full-time state employees who worked at least half time over a certain period of time (e.g., over nine months for career seasonal employees). (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Recruitment and Retention

To address significant attorney recruitment and retention challenges, attorney salaries at the Office of the Attorney General will be increased to levels more competitive with other public law offices in Washington. (General Fund-State, Public Service Revolving Account-State, Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account-State, Legal Services Revolving Account-State, Anti-Trust Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Parental Termination Cases

Authority is provided to the Office of the Attorney General to bill the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for resources to meet current and future parental rights termination caseload demands. Funding will be used to increase staffing to manage an anticipated 50 percent increase in cases referred from DSHS. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Office of Chief Information Officer Services

The agency's budget is adjusted to align with increased billing levels for the Office of the Chief Information Officer because of implementation of the Washington master address service database. (General Fund-State, Other Funds)

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)