

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	66,387	3,952	70,339
Total Maintenance Level	16.2	76,570	3,648	80,218
Difference		10,183	(304)	9,879
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	15.3%	(7.7)%	14.0%
Performance Changes				
Parents Representation Expansion	1.0	4,980		4,980
Subtotal	1.0	4,980		4,980
Total Proposed Budget	17.2	81,550	3,648	85,198
Difference	1.0	15,163	(304)	14,859
Percent Change from Current Biennium	6.2%	22.8%	(7.7)%	21.1%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Public Defense	17.2	81,550	3,648	85,198
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PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Parents Representation Expansion

Funds are requested to expand the Parents Representation Program, which provides adequate legal representation for indigent parents involved in dependency and termination cases, to all juvenile courts statewide. The Office of Public Defense (OPD) Advisory Committee at its June meeting strongly encouraged OPD to pursue a final expansion to the eight counties not currently served by the Program.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Public Defense

The Office of Public Defense's duties are to implement the constitutional guarantee of counsel and to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of indigent appellate services.