

Office of Public Defense

RCW 2.70

Request	\$91,918,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$12,700,930	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	16.0%	Increase

The Office of Public Defense is an independent judicial branch agency that implements the constitutional and statutory right to counsel. The Office of Public Defense Advisory Committee is composed of legislators, judicial representatives, attorneys, county and city representatives, and lay persons.

The office is charged with administering state funds for trial court criminal indigent defense under chapter 10.101 RCW; appellate indigent defense, representation of indigent parents in dependency and termination cases under RCW 13.34.090 and 13.34.092; representation of indigent respondents in civil commitment cases under chapter 71.09 RCW; and with ensuring effective and efficient services and providing oversight and technical assistance for these programs. In addition, the Office of Public Defense administers extraordinary criminal justice cost petitions pursuant to RCW 43.330.190 and compiles copies of DNA test requests in accordance with RCW 10.73.170. The office also recommends criteria and standards for determining indigency and collects information and reports annually on indigent defense services funded by the state.

Agency Mission

The Office of Public Defense's duties are to implement the constitutional and statutory guarantees of counsel and to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of indigent defense services funded by the state.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds		Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance			2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
75,367,000	2,135	General Fund - Basic Account - State		66,297,196	75,364,865	91,856,000
		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal		196,120		
204,205		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Unanticipated			204,205	
3,648,000		Judicial Stabilization Trust Acct - State		3,648,000	3,648,000	62,000
<u>79,219,205</u>	<u>2,135</u>	Total Appropriated Funds		<u>70,141,316</u>	<u>79,217,070</u>	<u>91,918,000</u>

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	11,623,120	19.9%	9,075,754	12.9%	12,700,930	16.0%

Employment Summary

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	14.5	15.9	15.5	17.3	17.0