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ABS024 Recommendation Summary
State Law Library
2023-25 Regular Budget Session
LL2325 - 2023-25 Law Library Biennial Budget

	Average Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
CB T0PL Current Biennium Base	13.8	3,727	0	3,727
2021-23 Current Biennium Total	13.8	3,727	0	3,727
Total Carry Forward Level	13.8	3,874	0	3,874
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	3.9%	.0%	3.9%
Maintenance – Comp Changes				
ML97 Merit System Increments	0.0	10	0	10
Maintenance – Comp Total	0.0	10	0	10
Total Maintenance Level	13.8	3,884	0	3,884
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	4.2%	.0%	4.2%
Policy – Other Changes				
PL AA Restore Core Law Library Collection	0.0	199	0	199
PL AB Merge Law Library into Sup Court	(13.8)	(4,083)	0	(4,083)
Policy – Other Total	(13.8)	(3,884)	0	(3,884)
Subtotal - Policy Level Changes	(13.8)	(3,884)	0	(3,884)
2023-25 Total Policy Level	0.0	0	0	0
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(100.0)%	(100.0)%	.0%	(100.0)%

This report does not list decision packages in the agency's priority order. See Decision Package Prioritization Worksheet for priority.

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ML 97 Merit System Increments

The Washington State Law Library (Law Library) requests funding to continue providing merit increases for eligible employees. (General Fund-State)

PL AA Restore Core Law Library Collection

The Washington State Law Library (Library) requests \$199,000 additional, ongoing base funding for the Library's collection. Three decades of high inflation in legal publishing have eroded the Library's ability to purchase the core titles needed by our patrons. The internet provides some free access to primary law (cases, statutes, and regulations), but not the treatises needed for understanding the law. These treatises are heavily used by judges and staff attorneys in the judicial, executive, and legislative branches, as well as private attorneys and the general public. This increase will restore on-going access to these critical titles. (General Fund-State)

PL AB Merge Law Library into Sup Court

The Washington State Law Library (Library) and Washington State Supreme Court (Court) jointly request that the merger of the Library into the Court begun in 1959, be finally completed by transferring the remaining expenditure authority on an ongoing basis from the Library to the Court. When the Library was merged into the Court in 1959, the transfer of finances was deemed to be a one-time event, which doesn't seem to match the intent of the bill. This request completes the merger intended by the 1959 Legislature. (General Fund-State)