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	Average Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
CB T0PL Current Biennium Base	489.8	209,822	185,588	395,410
<b>2021-23 Current Biennium Total</b>	<b>489.8</b>	<b>209,822</b>	<b>185,588</b>	<b>395,410</b>
<b>Total Carry Forward Level</b>	<b>498.2</b>	<b>178,926</b>	<b>69,112</b>	<b>248,038</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.7%	(14.7)%	(62.8)%	(37.3)%
<b>Maintenance – Other Changes</b>				
ML 1M Fund CLJ-CMS	3.5	5,217	0	5,217
ML 2M Extend State v. Blake Exp Auth	0.0	0	103,853	103,853
ML 3M Continue Int Equip Replacement Pgm	0.0	1,557	0	1,557
ML 4M Fund Westlaw Subscription Increases	0.0	117	0	117
ML 5M Fund WA Auto Theft Prev. Account	0.0	4,800	0	4,800
<b>Maintenance – Other Total</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>11,691</b>	<b>103,853</b>	<b>115,544</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	<b>501.7</b>	<b>190,617</b>	<b>172,965</b>	<b>363,582</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	2.4%	(9.2)%	(6.8)%	(8.0)%
<b>Policy – Other Changes</b>				
PL D1 Fund Judicial Needs Estimation	1.0	538	0	538
PL D2 Implement Data for Justice	4.5	1,574	0	1,574
PL D3 Research Jury Race and Gender Bias	1.0	403	0	403
PL D4 Examine Disability Bias	1.0	804	0	804
PL D5 Address Barriers Appellate Access	0.0	2	0	2
PL M1 Fund Jud Branch IT Infrastructure	0.0	23,570	0	23,570
PL M2 Migrate to Office 365	4.0	2,700	0	2,700
PL M3 Upgrade Business Intelligence Tool	0.0	950	0	950
PL M4 Continue Ext Equip Replacement Pgm	0.0	2,138	0	2,138
PL P1 Develop Integration Platform	0.0	2,237	0	2,237
PL P2 Implement eFiling for SC-CMS	0.0	3,200	0	3,200
PL P3 Replace Sup Crt Opinion Tracker	5.0	2,730	0	2,730
PL P4 Develop Court Interpreter Sched Sys	0.0	240	0	240
PL P5 Automate Court Forms	1.0	846	0	846
PL R1 Continue Data Quality Team Funding	6.0	2,180	0	2,180
PL R2 Dedicate Tech Supp Appellate Crts	4.0	2,618	0	2,618
PL R3 Modernize Cyber Security Program	3.0	1,707	0	1,707
PL S1 Continue Blake Implementation	10.0	3,254	0	3,254
PL S2 Support Language Access Planning	2.0	589	0	589
PL S3 Implement Title 26 GAL Training Pgm	2.0	964	0	964
PL S4 Pilot Pretrial Service Program	1.0	4,854	0	4,854
PL S5 Engage Guardianship Volunteers	0.0	170	0	170
PL S6 Increase Public Guardianship Svcs	0.0	1,372	0	1,372
PL S7 Fund Water Rights Adjudication	2.0	1,880	0	1,880

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PL T1 Launch Security Matching Grant Pgm	1.0	5,000	0	5,000
PL T2 Continue Therapeutic Court Funding	2.5	20,630	0	20,630
PL T3 Continue Family Treatment Crt Team	5.0	2,112	0	2,112
PL T4 Stabilize Best Interests Model	0.8	7,531	0	7,531
PL T5 Expand & Evaluate Self-Help Centers	1.0	2,468	0	2,468
PL T6 Increase Judicial Ed Capacity	0.0	628	0	628
PL T7 Enhance Online Court Education	4.0	1,298	0	1,298
PL T8 Launch FAIR Court Assessment	0.0	500	0	500
PL T9 Translate Pattern Court Forms	0.0	150	0	150
<b>Policy – Other Total</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>101,837</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101,837</b>
 <b>Subtotal - Policy Level Changes</b>	 <b>61.8</b>	 <b>101,837</b>	 <b>0</b>	 <b>101,837</b>
 <b>2023-25 Total Policy Level</b>	 <b>563.5</b>	 <b>292,454</b>	 <b>172,965</b>	 <b>465,419</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	15.0%	39.4%	(6.8)%	17.7%

*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 1M Fund CLJ-CMS**

This request is for \$5.2 million to continue implementation of the Case Management System (CMS) for the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (CLJ) and probation offices. Better known by its trade name, Odyssey/Enterprise Justice, the CLJ-CMS replaces the antiquated and outdated DISCIS system. This project is the top priority of the Judicial Information System Committee. Adding this request to the carryforward level budget of \$17.3 million will fully fund the project during the 2023-25 biennium at \$22.5 million. (General Fund-State)

**ML 2M Extend State v. Blake Exp Auth**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$103.9 million in Judicial Stabilization Trust Account appropriation authority to continue efforts to refund courts' extraordinary costs and pay legal financial obligation refunds resulting from implementation of the February 2021 State v. Blake Supreme Court decision. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State)

**ML 3M Continue Int Equip Replacement Pgm**

As critical information technology equipment reaches its end-of-life, the Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$1.6 million to replace the equipment to reduce the possibility of catastrophic failure and to reduce the possibility of security incidents. (General Fund – State)

**ML 4M Fund Westlaw Subscription Increases**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests \$117,000 ongoing for increased subscription costs to Westlaw supporting Washington State's appellate and trial courts. Westlaw is an interactive, computer assisted service providing references, the latest information on precedent and case law, access to legal information at both the state and federal levels, including the full text of legislation, administrative materials, executive decrees, and judicial decisions, as well as summaries of jury verdicts and settlements. Westlaw is used by Judges and their legal staff at all court levels in the state to perform legal research to guide their opinions when deciding cases, by legal staff within AOC to draft memos to inform committees and policy decisions, and by the Washington State Law Library to verify citations when publishing Supreme Court opinions. AOC's Westlaw accounts currently serve over 1,000 users across the state. (General Fund – State)

**ML 5M Fund WA Auto Theft Prev. Account**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$2.4 million per year as a deposit from the General Fund-State to the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Account to support ongoing programs. (General Fund-State)

**PL D1 Fund Judicial Needs Estimation**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests 1.0 FTE and \$538,000 in ongoing state funding to meet the trial courts' need for actionable, current information about how many judges they need to handle current and future workloads. The funding will allow us to implement an approach to measuring judicial workload that will have more detail and better validity than Washington's current approach. Carrying out the work of the trial courts requires appropriate staffing which, in turn, requires the capacity to accurately describe the need for judicial time both on- and off-bench. This nationally-adopted approach has a long track record of providing results useful to courts. (General Fund-State)

**PL D2 Implement Data for Justice**

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The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests 4.5 FTEs and \$1.57 million in ongoing state funding to empower Washington's courts to use data for implementing equitable and effective justice in Washington. The courts and justice system have been called upon to confront the role they play in perpetuating systemic injustice. Part of the problem is that courts often lack access to information and data that can show them where and how to improve in their delivery of justice. The AOC proposes a "Data for Justice" initiative to expand research support at the Office of Court Innovation and the Washington State Center for Court Research for Washington's courts to collect and analyze data, report performance measures, educate on approaches to and impact of using data, and train those working in our court system to use data for implementing equitable change. (General Fund-State)

**PL D3 Research Jury Race and Gender Bias**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests 1.0 FTE and \$403,200 in ongoing funding to continue current juror data collection efforts, expand research on juries, and provide technical assistance to courts in the process. Recent studies in Washington have shown that jury pools throughout Washington are not demographically reflective of their communities. There has been a push in the legislature and from the courts to address the issue of jury diversity. The first step to implementing change is data collection: tracking and identifying where issues are occurring, and then taking steps to address it. This effort will help Washington state track and make progress on increasing jury diversity across the state. (General Fund-State)

**PL D4 Examine Disability Bias**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, on behalf of the Disability Task Force, requests \$803,200 in one-time funding to conduct a two-year comprehensive needs-analysis to determine the nature and extent of the deficiencies in physical and programmatic access to state court services and programs, and to develop solutions to address disability discrimination. While the Task Force will provide subject matter expertise and support to state courts in addressing improvements to all policies, the ultimate aim of the needs analysis study is to support the establishment of a Disability and Justice Commission. The Commission will provide statewide guidance to the Supreme Court and other Washington courts so that people with disabilities have access to justice that not only meets legal compliance, but also ensures dignity, equity, and full participation in the legal system and the profession through the implementation of consistent best practices and other reforms. (General Fund-State)

**PL D5 Address Barriers Appellate Access**

PLACEHOLDER (General Fund-State)

**PL M1 Fund Jud Branch IT Infrastructure**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$11.8 million per year in ongoing General Fund-State support to fully fund the information technology (IT) infrastructure of the judicial branch.

The Judicial Information Systems Account (JIS), the primary fund source for judicial branch IT, has seen an almost 50 percent drop in its main revenue stream – traffic infractions – over the past two years. However, prior to the recent pandemic, revenue had been steadily falling. To decrease our reliance on an uncertain and declining revenue stream, the judicial branch is requesting ongoing financial support from the General Fund as a deposit to the JIS Account. (General Fund-State)

**PL M2 Migrate to Office 365**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests 4.0 FTEs and \$2.7 million to meet the Legislature's stated intention to migrate state agencies to Microsoft Office 365. This move will ensure that the AOC's Enterprise environments' future systems include increased availability, performance, flexibility, and capabilities by incorporating Cloud Services in the Enterprise while addressing the new challenges faced in technology, staff and resources in the future. (General Fund-State)

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**PL M3 Upgrade Business Intelligence Tool**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests \$950,000 in one-time expenditure authority to ensure continued support for the existing enterprise reporting solution. Business Objects, the primary tool used by AOC and the statewide court system to access data in the Enterprise Data Warehouse, the central judicial data repository, for reporting purposes and for the fulfillment of data dissemination requests. It needs critical upgrades to version 4.3 as version 4.2 will be designated “end of life” in December 2024. (General Fund—State)

**PL M4 Continue Ext Equip Replacement Pgm**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests \$2.1 million in one-time expenditure authority to replace judicial branch computer equipment at the end of its serviceable life. In order to better facilitate the use of statewide judicial systems, such as Odyssey, AOC assists trial courts and county clerks with the cost of replacing computer equipment necessary for the efficient operation of the judicial system. Because the funding is always on a one-time basis, AOC, on behalf of these entities, requests funding each biennium to accomplish this function. (General Fund—State)

**PL P1 Develop Integration Platform**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is requesting \$2.2 million dollars of expenditure authority per biennium for a holistic enterprise integration system based on the Microsoft Azure Integration platform in accordance with the approved AOC Infrastructure & Security Strategic Roadmap. This system will enable a “plug & play” environment between existing AOC systems, local court systems, and future systems. This solution will maximize system security and agility for meeting future integration needs and challenges while reducing operational and development costs over time. (General Fund—State)

**PL P2 Implement eFiling for SC-CMS**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, in collaboration with superior courts that implemented the Odyssey Document Management system, requests \$1.6 million per year of ongoing General Fund-State funding to provide electronic filing in superior courts that chose to implement the Odyssey document management system as part of the Superior Court Case Management System. This funding will facilitate adoption of this new technology in these courts, leading to more consistent and barrier-free access to safe and efficient remote services for victims and others persons seeking justice in the courts. (General Fund-State)

**PL P3 Replace Sup Crt Opinion Tracker**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, as the information technology support for the Supreme Court, requests 5.0 FTEs and \$2.73 million in one-time expenditure authority for the staffing and financial resources needed to develop or procure an all-in-on automated, and modern solution that supports the tracking, circulating, voting, and reporting of opinion matters from the time writing assignments are made to the filing of the opinion.

The Supreme Court does not have an adequate technology solution to manage, track, circulate, vote or view reports on their Opinion and Motion for Reconsideration matters. Instead, the justices rely on a brittle, outdated, underperforming, and unsupported Microsoft Access database to track their opinions. Only one person can use this antiquated tool, and it does not fully meet the Court’s needs. This requires the Supreme Court to manually process and track their work causing delays and frustrations from the Supreme Court, Case Participants, and Justice Partners. (General Fund—State)

**PL P4 Develop Court Interpreter Sched Sys**

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The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$240,000 of one-time expenditure authority to conduct requirements gathering, analysis, and an options analysis to determine the most efficient option for developing or procuring a statewide interpreter scheduling application. All trial courts in Washington State must provide interpreters for court customers to ensure equal access to justice and scheduling of court interpreters can be a barrier to providing that access. An optimal solution would provide a statewide online interpreter scheduling application that could be used by every court in Washington State. (General Fund—State)

**PL P5 Automate Court Forms**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests 1.0 FTE and \$845,600 in ongoing expenditure authority to implement a remotely accessible, mobile ready solution that allows unrepresented persons to simply create court documents using a guided interview process and then file those documents electronically in courts using the state-provided case management systems or by traditional paper-based means. (General Fund—State)

**PL R1 Continue Data Quality Team Funding**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$2.2 million per biennium in ongoing funding to continue the Data Quality Program funded in the 2022 Supplemental Budget. The recent transition from a centralized Judicial Information System (JIS) to diverging case management systems implemented by certain courts has increased the volume of data anomalies and complexity of ensuring accurate and timely court data for statewide reporting, statistical analysis, and decision making. This request will provide the continued funding for the existing staff to adequately manage the existing and emerging backlog of data quality issues to improve data quality for the Washington State court system. (General Fund – State)

**PL R2 Dedicate Tech Supp Appellate Crts**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests 4.0 FTEs and \$2.62 million in ongoing expenditure authority to better support the applications used by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals and to better meet both Courts' technology needs. Today, the Appellate technology support team supports both the Supreme Court and the three divisions of the Court of Appeals. The current level of resources is insufficient to meet the growing technology needs of the appellate courts. This significantly impedes efforts to provide modern and efficient technology for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

AOC is requesting sufficient staffing and financial resources to 1) develop a Supreme Court application support team, and 2) increase staffing and resource levels for ACORDS, OnBase, and web applications to benefit both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals to ensure adequate staffing and resources are available to address complex maintenance and operations work. (General Fund —State)

**PL R3 Modernize Cyber Security Program**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests 3.0 FTEs and \$1.7 million of General Fund-State funding per biennium modernize AOCs cyber security efforts by implementing two programs: (1) The Information Security Program will implement administrative controls by creating new processes such as Contract Security and Security Design Reviews to increase AOC's cyber threat defensive posture, threat detection, and vulnerability mitigation capabilities by implementing industry-recognized cyber security standards. (2) The Risk Management Program will allow AOC to have visibility on and correlate events across multiple systems. This includes automating incident responses, which is essential to mitigating the risks of current cybersecurity threats as well as documenting risks and reducing silos.

AOC Cyber Security staff is ill-equipped to handle any intrusion or semi-sophisticated cyber-attack against the AOC or the courts of Washington, since there is limited visibility at the enterprise level due to lack of staff and tools. Cyber-attacks are becoming more pervasive and more sophisticated and the AOC must acquire and develop new capabilities to properly address cyber security attacks and issues as they develop. (General Fund-State)

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**PL S1 Continue Blake Implementation**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests 10 FTEs and \$3.3 million in ongoing General Fund-State funding to continue the implementation efforts surrounding the State v. Blake Supreme Court decision of February 2021.

The enacted 2022 Supplemental Budget provided \$2.3 million in funding to accomplish two major tasks: 1) In collaboration with local court staff, prepare comprehensive lists of all cases impacted by the State v. Blake decision going back to 1971; and 2) Establish a centralized process for refunding legal financial obligations. Unfortunately, this funding was only provided for one year while the work required is a multi-year project. AOC is requesting ongoing funding to complete the work in an efficient and effective manner. (General Fund-State)

**PL S2 Support Language Access Planning**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests 2.0 FTEs and \$589,200 in ongoing funding to fully implement meaningful language access throughout Washington State courts. This proposal will improve the courts' response to Limited English Proficient and deaf and hard of hearing individuals by supporting courts through technical assistance, resource development, education, coordination of peer learning, and timely reimbursement for courts to enhance language access for all Washingtonians. (General Fund-State)

**PL S3 Implement Title 26 GAL Training Pgm**

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests 2.0 FTEs and \$962,100 in ongoing state funding to create a Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Training Program. Dedicated AOC staff would facilitate the mandatory initial Title 26 GAL training across the state several times per year, assist courts in developing local rules requiring ongoing GAL training, facilitate continuing education for existing GALs and ensure the curriculum is updated following each legislative session.

Across the state there is an urgent need for more, well-trained Title 26 Guardians ad Litem (GALs). The Administrative Office of the Courts is statutorily required to develop the Title 26 (domestic relations) GAL training curriculum under RCW 2.56.030(15). However, Washington does not have a statewide training program for delivery of the curriculum and must rely on local entities and jurisdictions to organize trainings in order to have qualified GALs. (General Fund-State)

**PL S4 Pilot Pretrial Service Program**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, on behalf of Superior Courts, requests 1.0 FTEs and \$4.9 million in one-time funding for five programs in courts without pretrial services, to pilot a combination of evidence-based and promising programs. An estimated 6,500 individuals are held in pretrial detention every day, including on non-violent or misdemeanor offenses. Many of these individuals could be released with a low risk to public safety and high likelihood to return to court if robust pretrial services were available. Full funding for pretrial services statewide has been recommended by the Pretrial Reform Task Force, and the Washington State Auditor's Office similarly found that full funding for pretrial services would be less costly to taxpayers than pretrial detention. (General Fund—State)

**PL S5 Engage Guardianship Volunteers**

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The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests \$170,000 to adequately fund and support the Guardian Monitoring Program's (GMP) ongoing volunteer activities. In 2021, (AOC) launched the GMP to support local jurisdictions' guardianship efforts. GMP's reliance on volunteers will require an investment of resources to recruit, train, support and retain approximately 100 volunteers and will help ensure future sustainability for the GMP.

An essential component of the GMP is the engagement of its volunteers: guardian liaisons, volunteer auditors and volunteer researchers. These volunteer positions represent approximately 75 percent of total GMP staffing as they improve the tracking of guardianship cases, improve communication between guardianship parties and courts, and improve the detection of abuse, neglect and exploitation of persons subject to guardianship. (General Fund-State)

**PL S6 Increase Public Guardianship Svcs**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$1.4 million in ongoing funding to respond to the high demand for public guardianship services which reduce public costs over time while reinforcing legislative intent to protect the liberty and autonomy of all people in Washington, recognizing that some vulnerable adults cannot exercise their rights without the help of a guardian/conservator. The Office of Public Guardianship (OPG) contracts with 21 certified professional guardians and conservators/agencies to provide professional guardianship/conservatorship services to indigent individuals. OPG is approaching capacity and, without additional funding, will have to stop accepting new clients. (General Fund-State)

**PL S7 Fund Water Rights Adjudication**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests 2 FTEs and \$1.9 million in ongoing state funding to support court activities related to adjudications filed by the Department of Ecology to resolve water rights in Water Resources Inventory Area 1 (Nooksack). A general adjudication of surface and groundwater rights will determine who has a legal right to use water and the volume of each right. (General Fund-State)

**PL T1 Launch Security Matching Grant Pgm**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, on behalf of the Court Security Task Force, requests \$5 million in General Fund-State funding to distribute through matching grants to small and rural courts for the purpose of securing their court facilities. This will allow these courts to purchase the basic security equipment and services that they need in order to provide safe access to justice to the communities of Washington State. (General Fund-State)

**PL T2 Continue Therapeutic Court Funding**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, on behalf of district and municipal courts, requests 2.5 FTEs and \$20.6 million per biennium in ongoing funding to equitably distribute and cover costs in the more than 50 new and existing therapeutic courts in Washington State courts of limited jurisdiction (CLJs). Following the Supreme Court decision in *State v. Blake*, the Legislature reclassified drug possession in Washington State from a felony to a misdemeanor, resulting in increased possession cases in CLJs. Therapeutic courts directly address the needs of individuals struggling with substance use disorder, mental health issues, and poverty. Although therapeutic courts have existed in CLJs for many years and consistently demonstrate positive impacts on participants' lives, there is recent increased interest from the Legislature, courts, and citizens in establishing and maintaining therapeutic courts. There is a need for both startup costs associated with new programs and maintaining existing programs, and therapeutic courts will be best served by a source of ongoing funds. (General Fund-State)

**PL T3 Continue Family Treatment Crt Team**



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The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests 5.0 FTEs and \$2.1 million in ongoing state funding to establish a sustainable Family Treatment Court (FTC) Team to continue the successful FTC quality improvement efforts and expand the statewide team approach to improve outcomes and increase equity for all families in dependency court. With a three-year federal grant, AOC created a statewide FTC Team that provides coordinated training, technical assistance and data support that has improved local practice and built capacity for ongoing evaluation. The federal grant expires in 2023 and due to a change in grant requirements, the FTC will not qualify for continued funding.

Half of the children in dependency court have a parent with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Research shows that Family Treatment Courts (FTCs) improve parents' treatment results and increase family reunification. Twenty Washington communities, many in rural areas, operate FTCs, and statewide coordination has proven extremely effective, making considerable progress on the grant goals and generating excitement and kudos from courts, attorneys, DCYF, providers and parents with lived experience in the child welfare system. (General Fund-State)

**PL T4 Stabilize Best Interests Model**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, on behalf of Juvenile Court Administrators, requests 0.8 FTE and \$7.5 million to stabilize funding for and improve the model of best interests advocacy efforts in dependency cases. This includes an inflationary adjustment for county-level CASA/Child Advocate programs to cover increased costs of recruiting and managing volunteer Guardians ad Litem, the addition of a central statewide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Officer to advise local programs and a comprehensive study by the Washington State Center for Court Research on the impacts of volunteer guardians ad litem on dependency cases. (General Fund-State)

**PL T5 Expand & Evaluate Self-Help Centers**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests 1.0 FTE and \$2.5 million in one-time state funding to extend two pilot self-help centers through the 2023-25 biennium and perform an evaluation on the success of the program. Washington has a significant and growing number of unrepresented litigants attempting to use the trial courts. These litigants often encounter challenges in using a court system that was designed for professional attorneys to navigate. Self-help centers are a common service offered by many other states to assist unrepresented litigants with legal information in civil matters. (General Fund – State)

**PL T6 Increase Judicial Ed Capacity**

The Administrative Office of the Courts, requests \$628,000 per biennium in ongoing state funding to support the timely development of needed judicial training by education professionals and technology experts, and provide courts with bench coverage so that judicial training does not come at the expense of a court's caseload. The criminal justice system is in the midst of major reform in many areas of law and court operations. Recent legal reforms include: Uniform Guardianship Act, Civil Protection Order Act, and Landlord-Tenant Relations. And remote technologies adopted during the pandemic have created new ways for court users to access justice—prompting courts to reimagine how court services will be delivered post-pandemic. Judicial officers at all court levels are in urgent need of training to accurately and effectively apply these reforms. (General Fund-State)

**PL T7 Enhance Online Court Education**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests 4.0 FTEs and \$1.3 million in ongoing state funding to enhance the availability of timely and effective education and training for Washington's court system personnel by growing the library of programs available in the new WACOURTS Education Portal. Justice requires judicial officers, clerks, court administrators, and court personnel to be educated on current case law and best practices in court operations. The most efficient means of providing consistent quality education and training for personnel across our diverse state is by expanding online programming through the WACOURTS Education Portal. This request will expand the library from approximately 20 to about 100 programs in the Portal along with dozens of recordings and job aids. (General Fund-State)

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**PL     T8     Launch FAIR Court Assessment**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$500,000 in one-time General Fund-State funding to increase support to Washington's courts of limited jurisdiction (CLJs), which serve diverse communities in a wide variety of subject matters. It is important to assess a CLJ's ability to ensure all communities are treated with respect and dignity; racial disparities are addressed; and low-income individuals have the tools they need to navigate the justice system. A proven way to achieve this objective is through the FAIR Court Project in partnership with the Center for Court Innovation.

The FAIR Court Project uses anonymous observers to assess how well procedural justice practices are incorporated throughout a courthouse. This proposal will fund observations of 12-15 CLJs, with detailed recommendations for each court to address any barriers to procedural justice found during the observations. (General Fund-State)

**PL     T9     Translate Pattern Court Forms**

The Administrative Office of the Courts requests \$150,000 in ongoing state funding to translate court forms. Unrepresented litigants heavily rely on state pattern forms to navigate the court system. Washington State's pattern forms library is around 725 forms. Court forms help people request filing fee waivers, file family law cases, get Protection Orders, and set up guardianship or conservatorships. Many forms are statutorily required, like the protection order, dependency, and most family Law forms. However, current funding is sufficient to translate only about 9% of that forms library into other languages and there is no funding to update the current translations at this time. (General Fund-State)