



Dollars in Thousands

**ABS024 Recommendation Summary**  
**Court of Appeals**  
**2023-25 Regular Budget Session**  
**COA2325 - 2023-25 COA Biennial Budget**

	Average Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
CB T0PL Current Biennium Base	140.6	44,382	0	44,382
<b>2021-23 Current Biennium Total</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>44,382</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,382</b>
<b>Total Carry Forward Level</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>45,261</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,261</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	2.0%	.0%	2.0%
<b>Maintenance – Other Changes</b>				
MLLA COA Lease Adjustments	0.0	198	0	198
<b>Maintenance – Other Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Maintenance – Comp Changes</b>				
ML97 Merit System Increments	0.0	511	0	511
<b>Maintenance – Comp Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>511</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>45,970</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,970</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	3.6%	.0%	3.6%
<b>Policy – Comp Changes</b>				
PL C1 Implement 2021 Salary Survey	0.0	1,326	0	1,326
PL C2 Offer Externship Stipends	0.0	806	0	806
<b>Policy – Comp Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,132</b>
<b>Subtotal - Policy Level Changes</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,132</b>
<b>2023-25 Total Policy Level</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>48,102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,102</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	8.4%	.0%	8.4%

*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    LA    COA Lease Adjustments**

The Court of Appeals requests \$198,000 in ongoing state funding for increasing lease costs (Divisions I & II) and for building operations and maintenance expenses (Division III).

**ML    97    Merit System Increments**

The Court of Appeals requests funding to continue providing merit increases for eligible employees. (General Fund-State)

**PL    C1    Implement 2021 Salary Survey**

The Court of Appeals is seeking ongoing funding for implementation of salary increases based on the 2021 Compensation Survey of the Washington State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Administrative Office of the Courts. These increases will address pay disparities across all classifications as identified in the salary survey. (General Fund-State)

**PL    C2    Offer Externship Stipends**

The Court of Appeals requests \$806,400 to provide stipends to its externs. Externships are mutually beneficial to the extern and employer. Externs at the Court of Appeals help to ease the administrative burden of court staff and increase court efficiency. Currently, courts cannot afford to compensate their externs, which severely limits the size, diversity, and quality of their applicant pool. Both the executive and legislative branches have funding to compensate their externs, leaving the judicial branch as the only outlier. (General Fund-State)