



2024 Legislative Session Policy Debrief

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2024 AOC Request Legislation

- <u>HB 1992</u>: Additional Whatcom County Superior Court Judge (Water Rights)
 - Last Action: Signed by Governor on 3/15; Chapter 112, 2024 Laws
- ESSB 5828: Water Rights Commissioner for Whatcom County Superior Court
 - Last Action: Signed by the Governor on 3/26; Chapter 268, 2024 Laws
- HB 2034: Notice of Court Reorganization
 - Last Action: Signed by Governor on 3/13; Chapter 61, 2024 Laws
- SHB 2056: Supreme Court Bailiff information sharing & limited investigative authority
 - Last Action: Signed by the Governor on 3/26, Chapter 303, 2024 Laws
- <u>SB 5836</u>: Additional Clark County Superior Court Judge
 - Last Action: Signed by Governor on 3/15; Chapter 125, 2024 Laws



Topics of Interest to the Judiciary

- Addressing the attorney shortage:
 - <u>SHB 1911;</u> <u>2SSB 5780;</u> <u>SB 5781;</u> <u>SB 5916</u>
- Support for the dependency process:
 - E2SSB 6068; E2SSB 6109
- The use of artificial intelligence (AI):
 - <u>HB 1951; E2SSB 5838</u>
- Juvenile Justice:
 - <u>E2SHB 2065;</u> <u>SHB 2217;</u> <u>ESSB 5974</u>



BJA Positions on Bills

- <u>SHB 1911</u>: Concerning activities in which the office of public defense may engage without violating the prohibition on providing direct representation of clients
 - BJA supported
- <u>2SSB 5780</u>: Encouraging participation in public defense and prosecution professions
 - BJA supported
- <u>SB 6063</u>: Modifying the definition of persistent offender
 - BJA supported
- <u>SB 6073</u>: Concerning the use of artificial intelligence language learning models in official court filings
 - BJA opposed
- SSB 6146: Concerning tribal warrants
 - BJA supported



2025 Legislative Session Prep

• The BJA Legislative Committee will begin soliciting legislative proposal for next session at the beginning of May.



Questions?

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