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Under the current guidelines, a public defense attorney can take up to 150 felony and 300 misdemeanor cases per year.

Under the WSBA proposal, public defenders would only handle a maximum of 47 felony or 120 misdemeanor cases per year.

Washington State has a statewide shortage of attorneys and the new proposal shall dismantle the criminal justice system as promised, resulting in prosecutors being unable to charge because they won't have any public defense attorneys to assign to cases.

My recommendation would be to keep the current guidelines as they are but raise the pay and benefits for the attorneys however legally possible!!

Thank you,

Mark Bradshaw