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Dear Ms. Chapman-See:

The 2027 supplemental budget request from the Attorney General's Office has been submitted.

We are mindful of the limited state resources and, working within these constraints and protecting those resources, continue to provide the best possible legal services for agencies and all the people of Washington. To that end, the AGO requests address protections for the most vulnerable residents, technical changes, and increases in agencies' legal and litigation needs.

I look forward to working with you to provide additional information as you prepare your budget proposal to the Legislature.

If you have questions about this budget request, please contact Nona Snell, Chief Financial Officer, at nona.snell@atg.wa.gov or 360-742-2591.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

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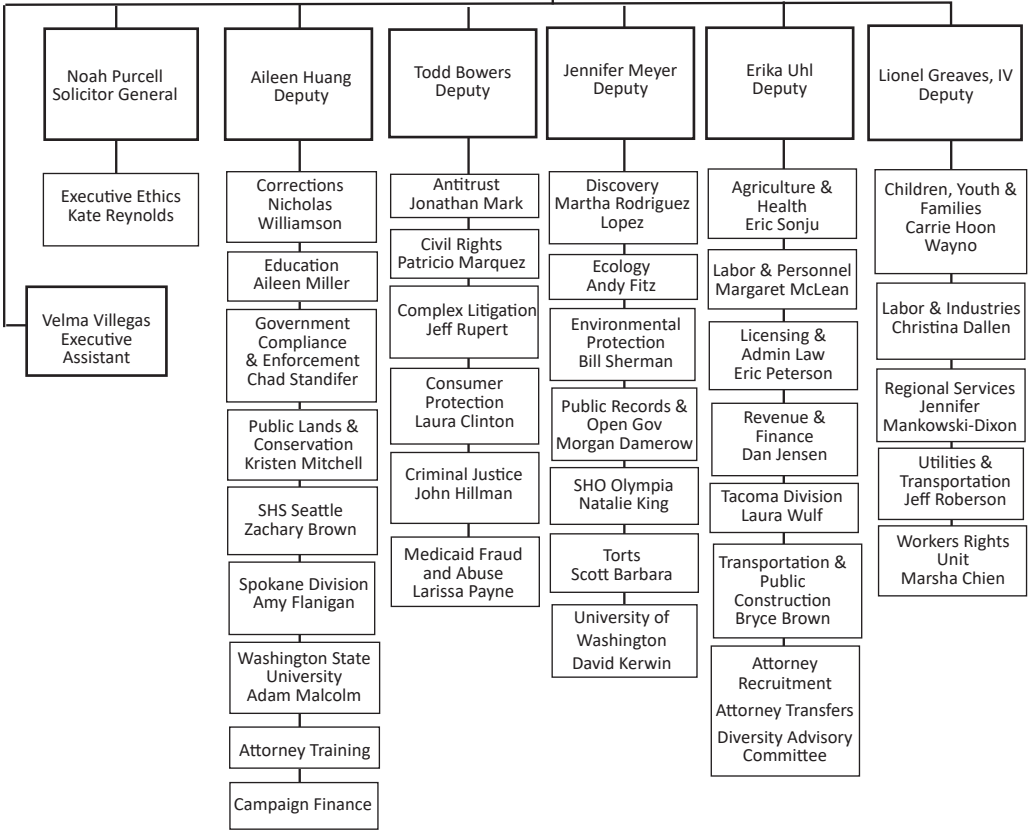
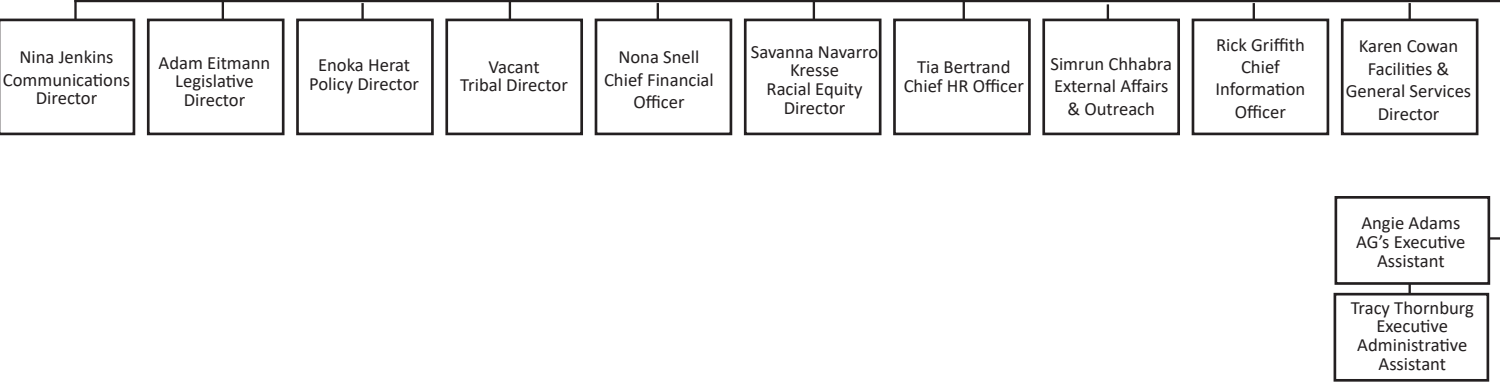


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A002 Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators

The Sexually Violent Predator Unit (SVPU) protects the public by ensuring that the most dangerous and violent sexual predators in the state are detained, evaluated, and treated until they no longer meet Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) criteria. When a sexual offender is about to be released from confinement and appears to meet SVP criteria, the SVPU acts as the prosecuting agency to classify them as a SVP resulting in Civil commitment. Once committed, the SVPU oversees the extensive post-commitment responsibilities to ensure that SVPs are not being released before being rehabilitated. These responsibilities include appeals, annual reviews, less restrictive alternative placements, and re-commitment hearings and trials.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	32.7	32.7	32.7
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$6,199	\$6,334	\$12,533

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Statewide Result Area: Healthy and Safe Communities
Statewide Strategy: Confine and rehabilitate offenders

Expected Results

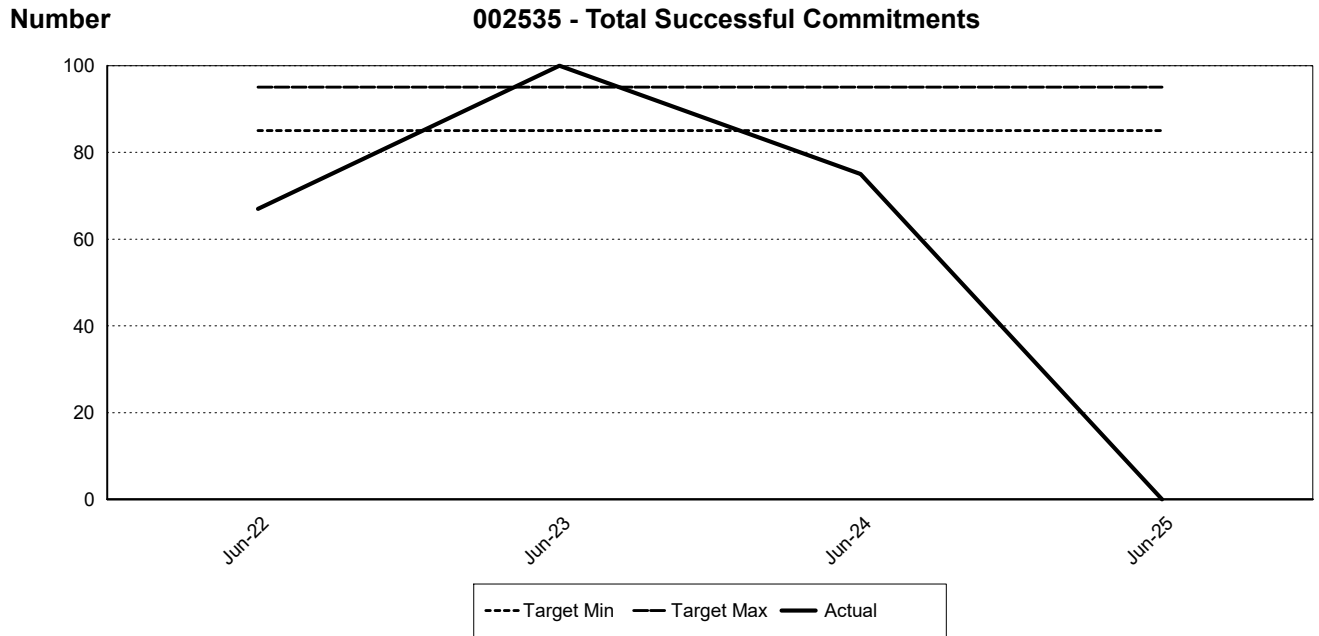
The most dangerous and violent sexual predators in the state are detained, evaluated, and treated until they no longer constitute a threat. Consequently, fewer people are victimized, and the public is protected from those sex offenders who are most likely to reoffend.

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As a result of the efforts to civilly detain, evaluate and treat sex offenders who are most likely to reoffend, fewer people are victimized and the public is protected from those individuals.				
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target Min	Target Max
2023-25	A3	0	85	95
	A2	75	85	95
2021-23	A3	100	85	95
	A2	67	85	95
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A001 Administration

Administrative functions of the AGO includes the Attorney General's Core Leadership Team, the Solicitor General, executive support, financial services, human resources, IT services, and facilities staff. An administrative function of the AGO is the Solicitor General's issuance of Attorney General Opinions, which answer questions from members of the state Legislature, state elected officials, appointed heads of state agencies, boards and commissions, and county prosecuting attorneys. AGO opinions clarify the interpretation of statutes and regulations when the meaning is in doubt.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	258.9	265.2	265.2
19P Child Rescue Fund			
19P-1 State	\$100	\$100	\$200
141 Federal Seizure Account			
141-6 Non-Appropriated	\$20	\$0	\$20
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$7,595	\$6,749	\$14,344
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$49,727	\$53,167	\$102,894
441 Local Government Archives Account			
441-1 State	\$581	\$586	\$1,167

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government
Statewide Strategy: Provide data, information, and analysis to support decision-making

Expected Results

Administration provides the issuance of Attorney General opinions which answer questions from members of the state Legislature, state elected officials, appointed heads of state agencies, boards and commissions, and county prosecuting attorneys. These questions seek clarification relating to the interpretation of statutes and regulations when the meaning is in doubt.

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A003 Criminal Investigation and Prosecution

The Criminal Litigation Unit (CLU) investigates and prosecutes all levels of criminal cases when requested by the Governor or county prosecuting attorneys. The types of cases commonly handled by the CLU include homicide, sexual assault, multi-jurisdictional crime, white-collar crime, governmental corruption cases, environmental crimes, tax fraud cases on behalf of the Department of Revenue, licensing fraud on behalf of the Department of Licensing, insurance fraud on behalf of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and fraudulent workers' compensation claims and wage and hour violations on behalf of the Department of Labor and Industries. The CLU assists local prosecutors when they have a conflict of interest or need additional resources for major prosecutions. The CLU occasionally assumes responsibility for the appellate review of a criminal case that were originally brought by a county prosecutor if the case involves fundamental issues affecting the public interest and the administration of justice.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	36.7	36.7	36.7
141 Federal Seizure Account			
141-6 Non-Appropriated	\$408	\$409	\$817
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$5,478	\$5,566	\$11,044
001-2 Federal	\$600	\$0	\$600
001-7 Local	\$0	\$150	\$150
001 Account Total	\$6,078	\$5,716	\$11,794

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Healthy and Safe Communities

Statewide Strategy: Enforce the law

Expected Results

When a county prosecutor has a conflict of interest or needs assistance for other reasons, there are competent, highly-skilled AGO prosecutors available to represent the county resulting in greater public protection. The AGO's Criminal Litigation Unit (CLU) reviews important appeals and provides additional legal assistance upon request. The CLU also reviews and approves (or defends against) claims filed by persons claiming to have been wrongfully convicted and imprisoned. Crimes of fraud involving state agencies are properly investigated and prosecuted so that state agencies and other victims can recover their losses, and similar criminal activity against state agencies can be curtailed and deterred.

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When a county prosecutor has a conflict of interest or needs assistance for other reasons, there are competent, highly-skilled AGO prosecutors available to represent the county resulting in greater public protection. The AGO's Criminal Litigation Unit (CRI) reviews important appeals and provides additional legal assistance upon request. CRI also reviews and approves (or defends against) claims filed by persons claiming to have been wrongfully convicted and imprisoned. Crimes of fraud involving state agencies are properly investigated and prosecuted so that state agencies and other victims can recover their losses, and similar criminal activity against state agencies can be curtailed and deterred.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	Q8	0	18
	Q7	8	18
	Q6	5	18
	Q5	2	18
	Q4	0	18
	Q3	4	18
	Q2	5	18
	Q1	3	18
2021-23	Q8	2	18
	Q7	5	18
	Q6	2	18
	Q5	7	18
	Q4	4	18
	Q3	6	18
	Q2	5	18
	Q1	9	18
Performance Measure Status: Approved			

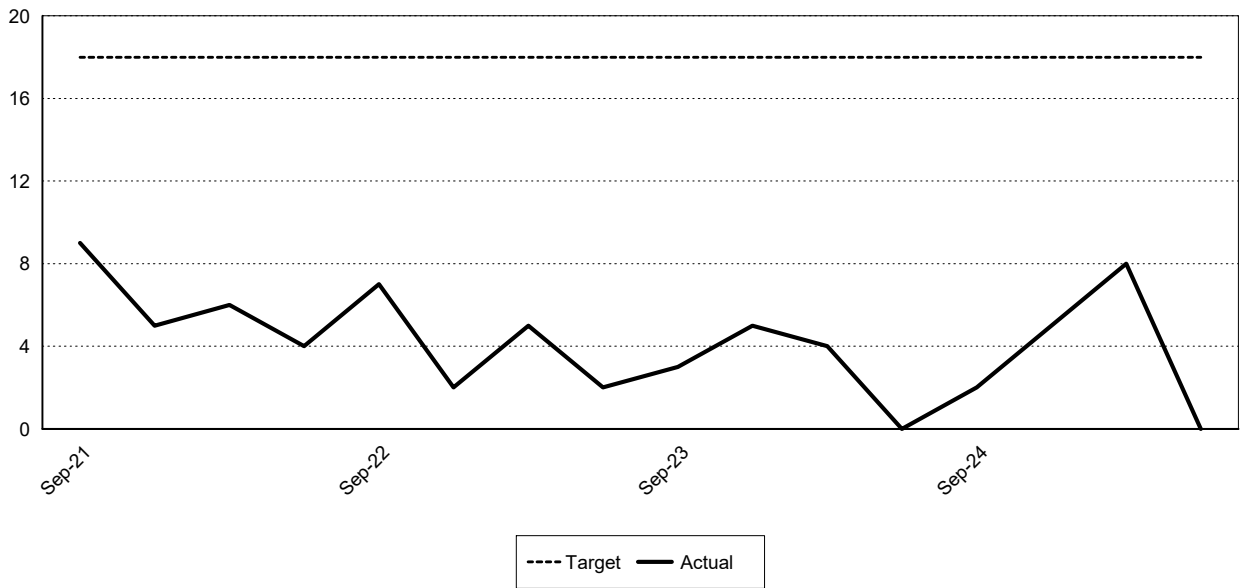
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A004 Enforcement of Anti-Trust Laws

The AGO's Antitrust Division (ANT) division protects the residents of Washington State from price-fixing, illegal mergers, monopolization, and other illegal, anticompetitive activities. ANT holds entities accountable when they break the law and engage in unfair competition, and ensures that consumers benefit from a competitive marketplace. By enforcing antitrust laws, ANT ensures that businesses compete fairly with each other. ANT files enforcement actions, responds to consumer complaints, provides advice to state agencies, and provides consumer education and outreach. Through these efforts, ANT ensures that consumers' problems are addressed, money overpaid due to illegal activity is recovered, illegal activity is prevented, and businesses are educated about their responsibilities under the antitrust laws.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	25.3	26.0	26.0
424 Anti-Trust Revolving Account			
424-6 Non-Appropriated	\$6,545	\$6,742	\$13,287

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Prosperous Economy

Statewide Strategy: Regulate the economy to ensure fairness, security and efficiency

Expected Results

The AGO's Antitrust Division (ANT) enforces antitrust laws, protects consumers from illegal and harmful practices, and ensures a fair, efficient, and competitive marketplace for businesses. ANT enforcement actions prevent monopolies, price-fixing, and illegal mergers, and recover money for injured consumers and state agencies. Through outreach efforts, ANT educates businesses in order to prevent antitrust violations and protects Washington consumers

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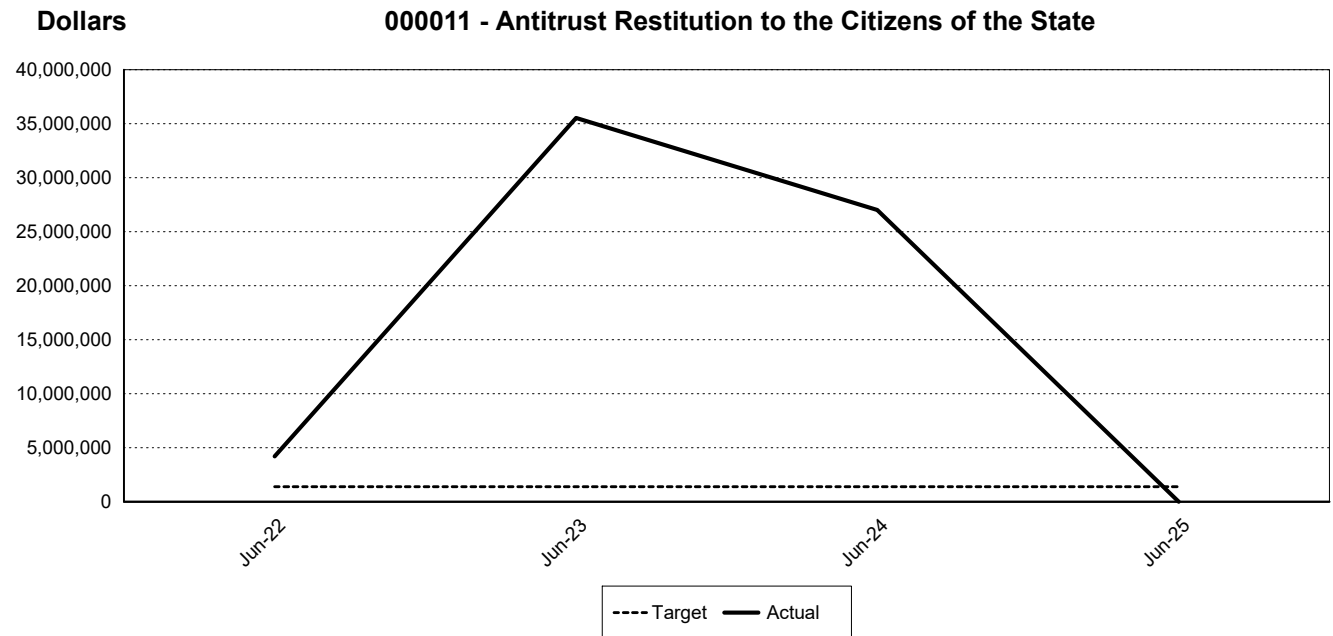
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000011 The AGO's Antitrust Division (ANT) enforces antitrust laws, protects consumers from illegal and harmful practices, and ensures a fair, efficient, and competitive marketplace for businesses. Active investigations can result in enforcement actions/litigation that prevent monopolies, price-fixing, and illegal mergers, and recover money for injured consumers and state agencies. Through outreach efforts, ANT educates businesses in order to prevent antitrust violations and protects Washington consumers.

Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	A3	\$0	\$1,400,000
	A2	\$27,000,000	\$1,400,000
2021-23	A3	\$35,530,000	\$1,400,000
	A2	\$4,195,904	\$1,400,000

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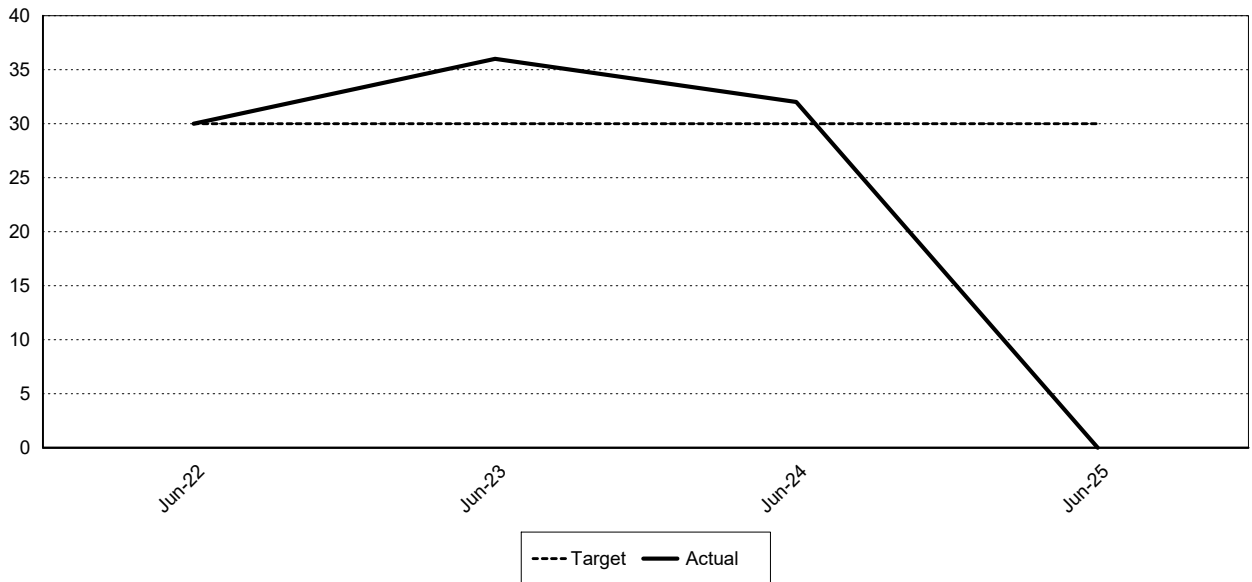
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Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	A3	0	30
	A2	32	30
2021-23	A3	36	30
	A2	30	30

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002877 - Antitrust Restitution to the Citizens of the State



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A005 Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws

The AGO's Consumer Protection Division (CPR) protects Washington consumers from deception, scams, and abusive practices. CPR provides a fair marketplace through vigorous civil law enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) including education and outreach to consumers. CPR's Consumer Resource Center fields calls and complaints from consumers around the state, informally resolving complaints and recovering millions of dollars for consumers. CPR attorneys promote compliance with the CPA by obtaining injunctions and monetary judgments against violators including direct consumer restitution. CPR's Foreclosure Compliance Program enforces the Foreclosure Fairness Act to help homeowners. CPR also houses the Lemon Law program which promotes timely and effective new motor vehicle warranty service through mandatory arbitration. CPR's Manufactured House Dispute Resolution Unit fosters compliance with the Manufactured Housing Landlord Tenant Act.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	17.9	17.9	17.9
17L Foreclosure Fairness Account			
17L-6 Non-Appropriated	\$335	\$341	\$676
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$3,190	\$4,044	\$7,234
12F Man/Mobile Home Dispute Resolution			
12F-1 State	\$0	\$130	\$130
12F-6 Non-Appropriated	\$1,117	\$1,101	\$2,218
12F Account Total	\$1,117	\$1,231	\$2,348
154 New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Acct			
154-1 State	\$965	\$980	\$1,945
25V WA St ATG Charitable Asset Prtn Acc			
25V-6 Non-Appropriated	\$807	\$809	\$1,616

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Statewide Result Area: Prosperous Economy
Statewide Strategy: Provide consumer protection

Expected Results

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The AGO's Consumer Protection Division's (CPR) activities are expected to foster a fair, competitive and non-deceptive marketplace, prevent consumer harm, promote voluntary compliance with economic regulation by businesses, and resolve disputes between buyers and sellers in the marketplace. CPR is expected to recover a portion of operational costs through its litigation activity. CPR is expected to promote timely and effective new motor vehicle warranty service through mandatory arbitration, and foster compliance with the Manufactured Housing Landlord Tenant Act.

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The AGO's Consumer Protection Division's (CPR) activities are expected to foster a fair, competitive and non-deceptive marketplace, prevent consumer harm, promote voluntary compliance with economic regulation by businesses, and resolve disputes between buyers and sellers in the marketplace. CPR is expected to recover a portion of operational costs through its litigation activity. CPR is expected to promote timely and effective new motor vehicle warranty service through mandatory arbitration, and foster compliance with the Manufactured Housing Landlord Tenant Act.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	A3	\$0	\$11,000,000
	A2	\$47,315,168	\$11,000,000
2021-23	A3	\$24,763,319	\$11,000,000
	A2	\$61,994,515	\$11,000,000
Performance Measure Status: Approved			

Dollars 002534 - Direct Restitution Provided to Consumers through Litigation and Complaint Resolution



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A007 Homicide Investigation Tracking System

The Homicide Investigation Tracking System (HITS) system provides assistance to law enforcement by providing them with greater access to information, advice, and assistance resulting in enhanced and speedier investigation of violent crimes. As a result, suspects are pursued more quickly leading to better public protections.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	9.2	9.2	9.2
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$1,427	\$1,452	\$2,879

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Healthy and Safe Communities

Statewide Strategy: Enforce the law

Expected Results

Homicide Investigation Tracking System (HITS) investigators and its data warehouse provide resources to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by giving them access to violent crime data and analyses across jurisdictions. The HITS unit provides law enforcement analysis of crime data related to murder, rape, and other serious offenses. The usefulness of the HITS system is directly affected by the quality and quantity of crime data entered into the system, and HITS investigators work closely with law enforcement to ensure all information is correctly captured. HITS provides direct investigative assistance, including case reviews and search results, to law enforcement agencies upon their request. As a result, violent offenders are identified and apprehended improving public safety and preventing crime.

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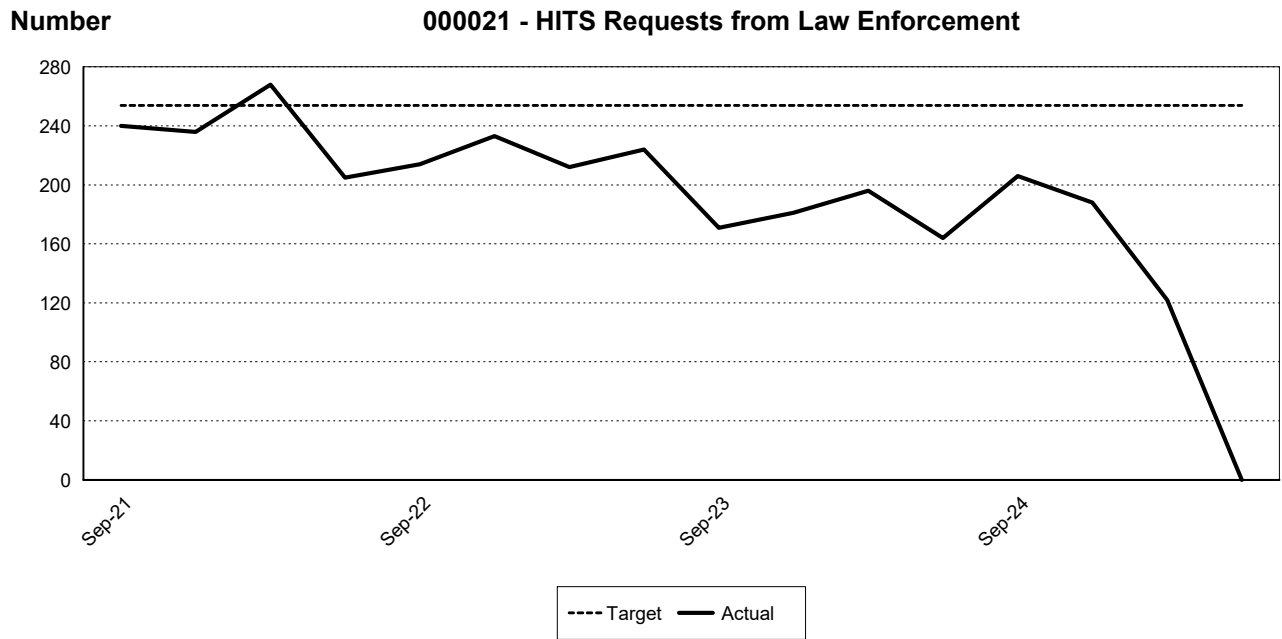
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	Q8	0	254
	Q7	122	254
	Q6	188	254
	Q5	206	254
	Q4	164	254
	Q3	196	254
	Q2	181	254
	Q1	171	254
2021-23	Q8	224	254
	Q7	212	254
	Q6	233	254
	Q5	214	254
	Q4	205	254
	Q3	268	254
	Q2	236	254
	Q1	240	254

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A006 Executive Ethics Board

The Executive Ethics Board (EEB) is an independent board with five members appointed by the Governor. The EEB promotes integrity, confidence, and public trust in state government through education, interpretation, and enforcement of the Ethics in compliance with the Public Service Act (Act). The AGO provides staff and administrative support for the EEB. EEB members meet on a regular basis to interpret the Act for all state agencies, provide advice to agencies regarding ethical issues, promulgate rules to implement the Act, and take enforcement action against state employees who violate the Act. EEB staff investigate complaints filed by public employees and citizens, provide ethics training to state agencies, and provide advice regarding ethics in the workplace. Ethics training enables state officers and employees to perform their public responsibilities and conduct the business of the state appropriately.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	4.1	4.1	4.1
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$673	\$685	\$1,358

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government
Statewide Strategy: Support democratic processes and government accountability

Expected Results

The Executive Ethics Board investigates complaints filed by public employees and citizens regarding ethical violations established in the Public Service Act, and prosecutes cases to completion. By completing investigations and resolving cases in a timely manner, state agencies, state employees, and the public are better served, and public trust and confidence in state government increases.

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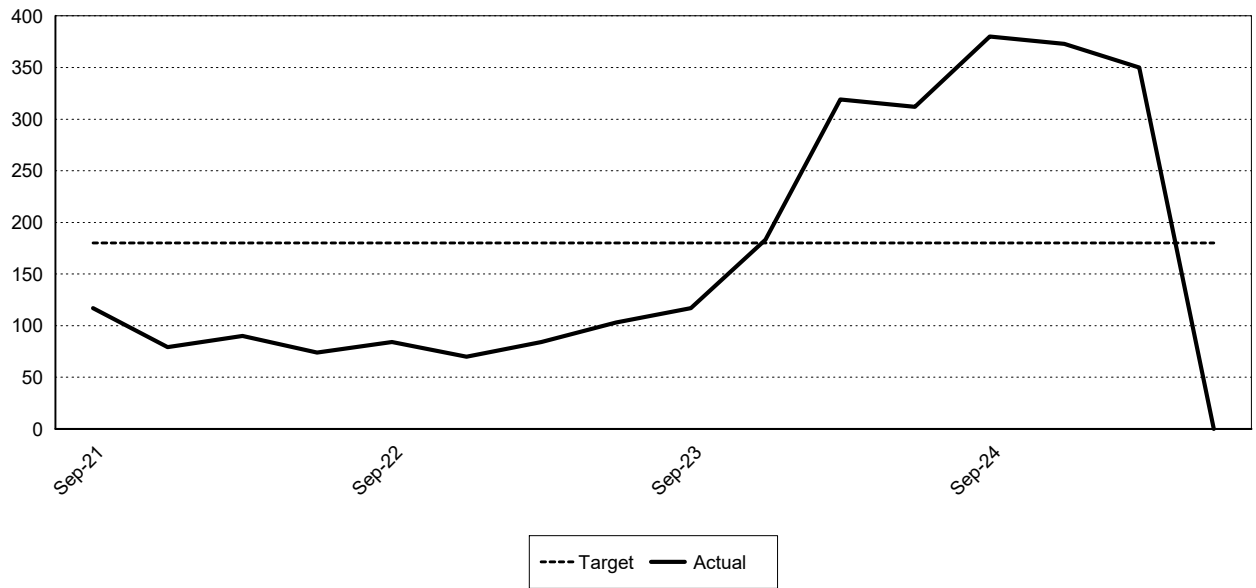
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The Executive Ethics Board investigates complaints filed by public employees and citizens regarding ethical violations established in the Public Service Act, and prosecutes cases to completion. By completing investigations and resolving cases in a timely manner, state agencies, state employees, and the public are better served, and public trust and confidence in state government increases.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	Q8	0	180
	Q7	350	180
	Q6	373	180
	Q5	380	180
	Q4	312	180
	Q3	319	180
	Q2	183	180
	Q1	117	180
2021-23	Q8	103	180
	Q7	84	180
	Q6	70	180
	Q5	84	180
	Q4	74	180
	Q3	90	180
	Q2	79	180
	Q1	117	180
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A009 Investigation and Prosecution of Medicaid Fraud and Resident Abuse

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is federally mandated and 75% federally funded for this investigative and prosecutorial unit staffed by Attorneys, Auditors, Investigators, Paralegals and support personnel. MFCU's mission is to protect patients and taxpayers through civil (including qui tam action) and criminal law enforcement. MFCU investigates and prosecutes fraud by health care providers that illegally divert Medicaid funds. These enforcement efforts curtail and deter similar criminal activity and lead to recoveries for the state and federal government. MFCU also prosecutes the abuse and neglect of residents in Medicaid-funded facilities. MFCU provides valuable assistance to local law enforcement in investigating and prosecuting crimes committed against vulnerable adults. MFCU helps coordinate the efforts of local vulnerable adult task forces, enforces the law, holds criminals accountable, increases public safety, deters fraud, and recovers money for the state. The addition of the Medicaid False Claims Act (FCA) in 2012 allows whistleblower qui tam actions. This increases MFCU's capacity to aggressively combat fraud through civil and criminal means, benefits our state by expanding the AGO's capacity to address fraud, neglect and abuse. This is essential as more Washingtonians become eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and as more people are entering the long-term care system.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	72.0	72.0	72.0
141 Federal Seizure Account			
141-6 Non-Appropriated	\$1,538	\$1,541	\$3,079
001 General Fund			
001-2 Federal	\$11,059	\$11,176	\$22,235
19A Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account			
19A-1 State	\$4,166	\$4,565	\$8,731

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Statewide Result Area: Healthy and Safe Communities

Statewide Strategy: Provide access to health care

Expected Results

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Medicaid funds are returned to the State through appropriation to combat fraud, provide Medicaid services, and monitor prescription drug abuse. The 2012 legislature created the False Claims Act (FCA) and the Medicaid Penalty Account (MPA) which is the state funding source for the AGO's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), and for the Medicaid program integrity responsibilities managed by the Washington State Health Care Authority. Through MFCU's civil efforts, recovered money that was illegally obtained in violation of either the federal or state FCA is returned to the State and placed into the MPA. This includes restitution, interest and penalties. The 2013 legislature authorized the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, also funded from the MPA. Through MFCU's criminal and non-false claims act civil efforts, additional money is returned to the State. These cases generally contain a restitution portion, and have generated interest. In these cases, the restitution recoveries are returned directly to the Medicaid program and not to the MPA. Any interest earned and recovered goes to the State General Fund.

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State share of Medicaid recoveries is utilized to combat fraud, provide Medicaid services, and monitor prescription drug abuse. The 2012 legislature created the FCA and the MPA. These acts create the state funding source for the AGO's MFCU, and for the Medicaid program integrity responsibilities managed by the HCA. MFCU's civil efforts recovered money that was illegally obtained in violation of either the federal or state FCA is returned to the State and placed into the MPA. Recovered money includes restitution, interest and penalties. The 2013 legislature authorized the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program that is also funded from the MPA. Through MFCU's criminal and non-false claims act civil efforts, additional money is returned to the State. These cases generally contain a restitution portion and an interest portion. Recoveries are returned directly to the Medicaid program and not to the MPA. The associated interest goes to GF-S.

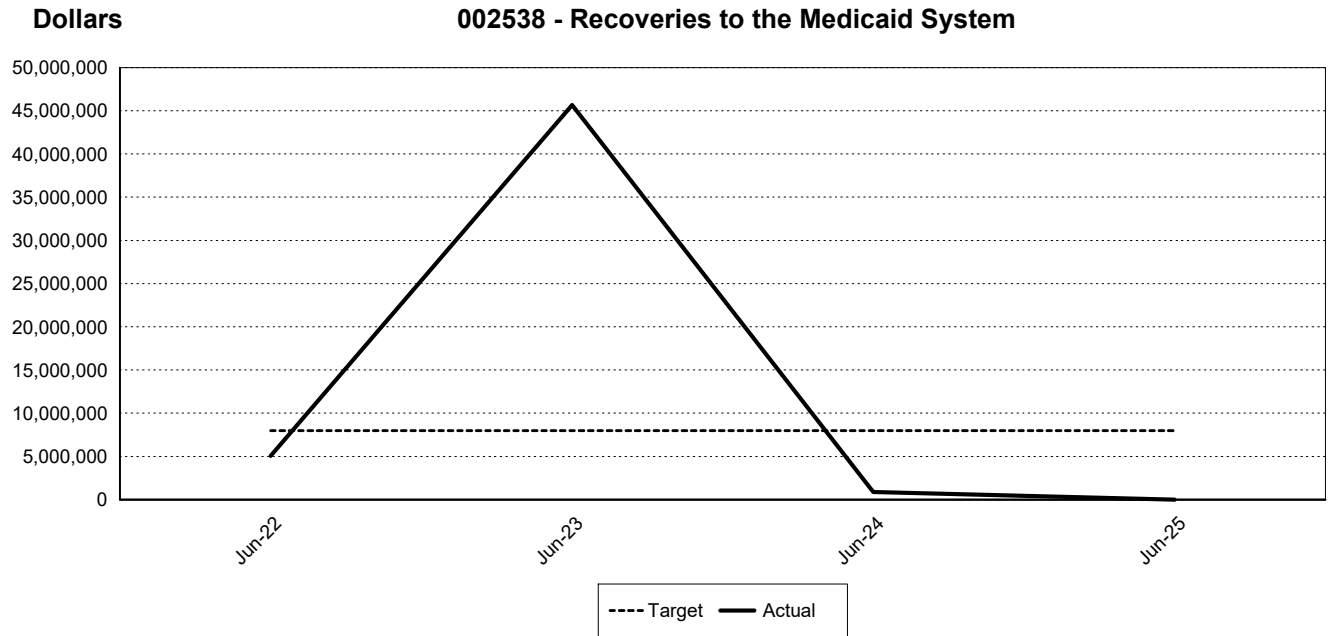
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	A3	\$0	\$8,000,000
	A2	\$897,849	\$8,000,000
2021-23	A3	\$45,673,400	\$8,000,000
	A2	\$5,075,048	\$8,000,000

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A010 Legal Services to State Agencies

By providing high quality legal assistance and representation to Washington's state agencies, boards, and commissions, the AGO improves government services, increases government efficiency, and prevents costly lawsuits. The legal services provided by the AGO saves taxpayer dollars, promotes the public interest, and ensures agencies are able to fulfill their essential missions. The AGO offers excellent, option-based legal advice to help the state promote the public good. In the litigation context, the AGO initiates, defends, and resolves cases effectively and efficiently for the benefit of the state, its agencies, and its citizens.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	1,069.7	1,092.2	1,092.2
141 Federal Seizure Account			
141-6 Non-Appropriated	\$6	\$0	\$6
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$16,114	\$16,147	\$32,261
001-2 Federal	\$2,987	\$3,674	\$6,661
001-7 Local	\$177	\$77	\$254
001 Account Total	\$19,278	\$19,898	\$39,176
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$164,953	\$167,407	\$332,360
828 Tobacco Prevention/Control Account			
828-1 State	\$137	\$139	\$276

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government
Statewide Strategy: Provide data, information, and analysis to support decision-making

Expected Results

ACT001 - Agency Activity Inventory
100 - Office of Attorney General
2027 - Supplemental Budget Request
Dollars in Thousands

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Appropriation Period: 2025-27 Sort By: Activity

The AGO provides legal advice and representation to nearly 200 state agencies, boards, and commissions and sustains about 25,000 open cases at all times. As legal counsel for the state, the AGO represents the state in litigation, and provides legal advice on personnel, contracts, public records, specialized program advice, and risk management. Program responsibilities supported by the AGO include state and federal benefit programs administered by state agencies, licensing and regulatory programs, agency custodial programs, higher education institutions, natural resources programs, capital construction and equipment acquisitions, state agency revenue and collection programs, and economic development and enterprise activities. The AGO protects taxpayer dollars by providing sound legal advice and risk management services to clients thus avoiding costly lawsuits. The AGO assists agencies with civil enforcement efforts – for example, working with the Department of Ecology to hold polluters accountable, the Department of Labor and Industries to promote fair labor practices, and Department of Social Health and Services to protect children and other vulnerable populations from abuse and neglect.

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Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	A3	0	25,000
	A2	24,386	25,000
2021-23	A3	26,679	25,000
	A2	26,205	25,000

Performance Measure Status: Approved

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Appropriation Period: 2025-27 Sort By: Activity

A011 Representing Ratepayers

The AGO's Public Counsel Unit (PCU) represents residential and small business customers (ratepayers) of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications utilities regulated by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC). PCU advocates on behalf of customers in UTC cases involving utility rates, mergers, energy efficiency programs, service quality, and other policy matters. PCU investigates company requests and retains experts to analyze areas such as accounting, economics, finance, engineering, rate spread/rate design, and service quality. In a rate case or merger evidentiary hearings, PCU will cross-examine other parties' expert witnesses, present its own witnesses, and file legal briefs. In addition to participating as a statutory party in major rate and merger cases, PCU may also present policy recommendations in UTC rulemakings or at bi-weekly UTC business meetings. PCU participates in technical policy and advisory groups, and may provide information to the Legislature and other policymakers.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
FTE	11.6	11.6	11.6
111 Public Service Revolving Account			
111-1 State	\$3,275	\$3,335	\$6,610

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Prosperous Economy

Statewide Strategy: Provide consumer protection

Expected Results

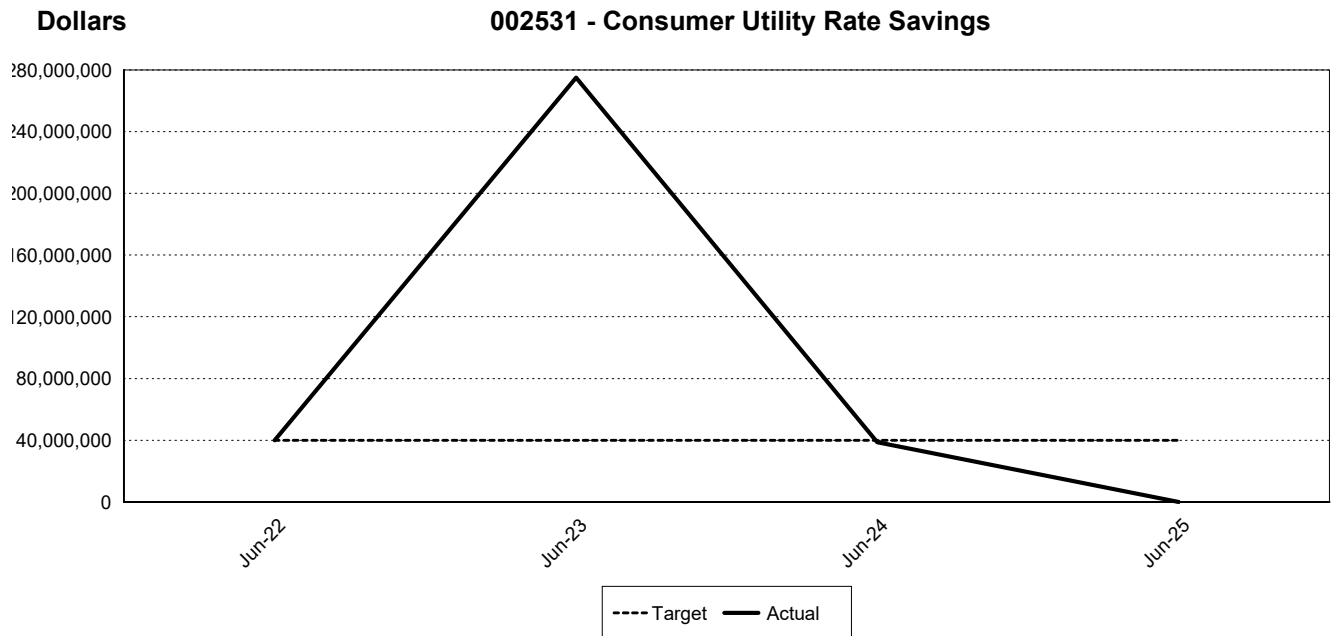
The AGO's Public Counsel Unit (PCU) protects consumers and businesses by advocating fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient utility rates, and by ensuring that customers pay only for reasonable and cost-effective programs. PCU's efforts have helped save consumers nearly \$100 million over the past four years and will continue to save Washingtonians money on utility rates.

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The AGO's Public Counsel Unit (PCU) protects consumers and businesses by advocating fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient utility rates, and by ensuring that customers pay only for reasonable and cost-effective programs. PCU's efforts have helped save consumers nearly \$150 million over the past four years and will continue to save Washingtonians money on utility rates.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2023-25	A3	\$0	\$40,000,000
	A2	\$38,700,000	\$40,000,000
2021-23	A3	\$274,900,000	\$40,000,000
	A2	\$39,900,000	\$40,000,000
Performance Measure Status: Approved			



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Appropriation Period: 2025-27 Sort By: Activity

A012 Victims Advocacy

The AGO is committed to making our communities safer, and to support those who provide direct services to victims of crime, increase quality services for victims of crime in Washington State, protect victims' rights, and enhance public awareness. All Washingtonians have the right to fairness, dignity and respect.

Account	FY 202	FY 202	Biennial Total
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$17	\$73	\$90

**FTE is second year only*

Statewide Result Area: Healthy and Safe Communities
Statewide Strategy: Protect and support victims of crime

Expected Results

The AGO is committed to support those who provide direct services to victims of crime, increase quality services for victims of crime in Washington State, protect victims' rights, and enhance public awareness. Consequently, Washingtonians will utilize the services necessary for recovery and lessen their chances for repeated victimization. Victim advocates will receive the support and services they need.

**FTE is second year only*

Grand Total

	FY 2026	FY 2027	Biennial Total
FTE's	1,538.1	1,567.6	1,567.6
GFS	\$40,003	\$40,292	\$80,295
Other	\$250,193	\$257,187	\$507,380
Total	\$290,196	\$297,479	\$587,675

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Activity:

CB T0PL
 CB T0PL
 ML XQ
 ML XR
 ML XS
 ML XU
 ML XV
 PL XP

No measures linked to activity
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Outcome Measures 002533 Total AG Formal and Informal Opinions Issued

			<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>FY 2029</u>
PL	XP	Public Defense Litigation	0	1,471	0	0

AGO Strategic Plan: Serve the State – Goal 1: Deliver high quality, timely and efficient legal services.

Outcome Measures 002539 Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year

			<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>FY 2029</u>
ML	XQ	House Legal Services	0	50	0	0
ML	XR	WCCSEO Legal Services	0	50	0	0
ML	XS	Supreme Court Legal Services	0	176	0	0
ML	XV	PERC Legal Services	0	59	0	0

AGO Strategic Plan: Serve the State – Goal 1: Deliver high quality, timely and efficient legal services.

Output Measures 002536 Criminal Cases Closed

			<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>FY 2029</u>
ML	XU	ALDF Grant Authority	0	150	0	0

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AGO Strategic Plan: Serve the State – Goal 1: Deliver high quality, timely and efficient legal services.

Activity: A002 Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

Activity: A001 Administration

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

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PL	XP	Public Defense Litigation	0	1,471	0	0

AGO Strategic Plan: Serve the State – Goal 1: Deliver high quality, timely and efficient legal services.

Activity: A003 Criminal Investigation and Prosecution

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

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Activity: A004 Enforcement of Anti-Trust Laws

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

Activity: A005 Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

Activity: A007 Homicide Investigation Tracking System

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

Activity: A006 Executive Ethics Board

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

Activity: A009 Investigation and Prosecution of Medicaid Fraud and Resident Abuse

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

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Activity: A010 Legal Services to State Agencies

ML 9Z

No measures linked to decision package

Outcome Measures 002539 Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year

			<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>FY 2029</u>
ML	XQ	House Legal Services	0	50	0	0
ML	XR	WCCSEO Legal Services	0	50	0	0
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Activity: A011 Representing Ratepayers

ML 9Z

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Activity: A012 Victims Advocacy

ML 9Z

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No measures linked to decision package

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2027-29 Biennium
Activity Inventory Indirect Cost Allocation Approach

Agency: 100 - Office of Attorney General

Date: Sept 10, 2026

Allocation Method Description: Total indirect costs were allocated to activities based of the number of FTE in each activity

	% Allocation Received	Dollars Allocated FY 1	Dollars Allocated FY 2	Total Allocated
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A003 - Criminal Investigation and Prosecution	2.1%	5,837	5,926	11,763
A004 - Enforcement of Anti-Trust Laws	2.4%	6,714	6,664	13,378
A005 - Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws	2.5%	6,829	7,248	14,077
A006 - Executive Ethics Board	0.2%	673	685	1,358
A007 - Homicide Investigation Tracking System	0.5%	1,427	1,452	2,879
A008 - Investigation and Defense of Tort Lawsuits	0.0%	0	0	0
A009 - Investigation and Prosecution of Medicaid Fraud and Resident Abuse	6.1%	17,872	16,695	34,567
A010 - Legal Services to State Agencies	63.0%	178,068	178,499	356,567
A011 - Representing Ratepayers	1.1%	3,146	3,165	6,311
A012 - Victims Advocacy	0.0%	17	73	90
TOTALS	100.0%	283,134	282,450	565,584

2027-29 Biennium
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STRATEGIC PLAN '26 - '28

MISSION

Deliver excellent and independent legal services to state government, defend the rule of law, and fight for justice, fairness, and the public good.

ANTI-RACIST COMMITMENT

Recognize, address, and eradicate all forms of racism within the scope of our work and operations.

GOALS

Protect democracy and the rights of the people.

Provide exceptional legal, policy, and public services.

Advance work on key issues including public safety, worker rights, and housing.

Use the power of the office to create a safe, fair, and affordable Washington for all.

FOUNDATION

Be the best law firm in the country by delivering top-notch advice and advocacy with integrity, courage, and teamwork.

Be an employer of choice, where all teams are connected, staff voices are valued, and everyone can grow professionally.

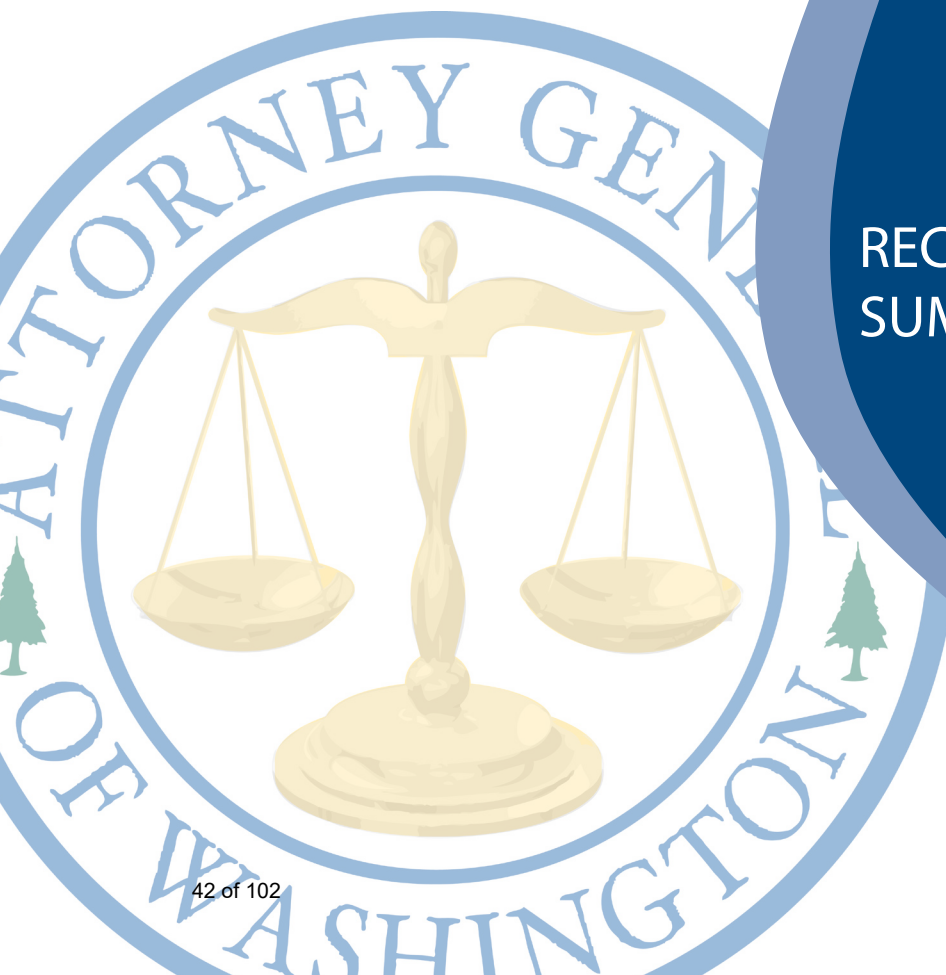
Demand equity in our work and within our workplace to foster inclusion, belonging, and trust.

Be transparent, accountable, dependable, and proactive in problem-solving.



Tab B

RECOMMENDATION
SUMMARY





Dollars in Thousands

ABS024 Recommendation Summary
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	FY2 FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
CB T0PL Current Biennium Base	1,557.7	78,824	506,765	585,589
2025-27 Current Biennium Total	1,557.7	78,824	506,765	585,589
Total Carry Forward Level	1,557.7	78,824	506,765	585,589
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%
Maintenance – Other Changes				
ML XQ House Legal Services	0.2	0	50	50
ML XR WCCSEO Legal Services	0.0	0	50	50
ML XS Supreme Court Legal Services	1.2	0	176	176
ML XT MHD Increased Authority	0.0	0	130	130
ML XU ALDF Grant Authority	0.0	0	150	150
ML XV PERC Legal Services	0.4	0	59	59
Maintenance – Other Total	1.8	0	615	615
Total Maintenance Level	1,559.5	78,824	507,380	586,204
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.1%	.0%	.1%	.1%
Policy – Other Changes				
PL XP Public Defense Litigation	8.1	1,471	0	1,471
Policy – Other Total	8.1	1,471	0	1,471
Subtotal - Policy Level Changes	8.1	1,471	0	1,471
2025-27 Total Policy Level	1,567.6	80,295	507,380	587,675
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.6%	1.9%	.1%	.4%

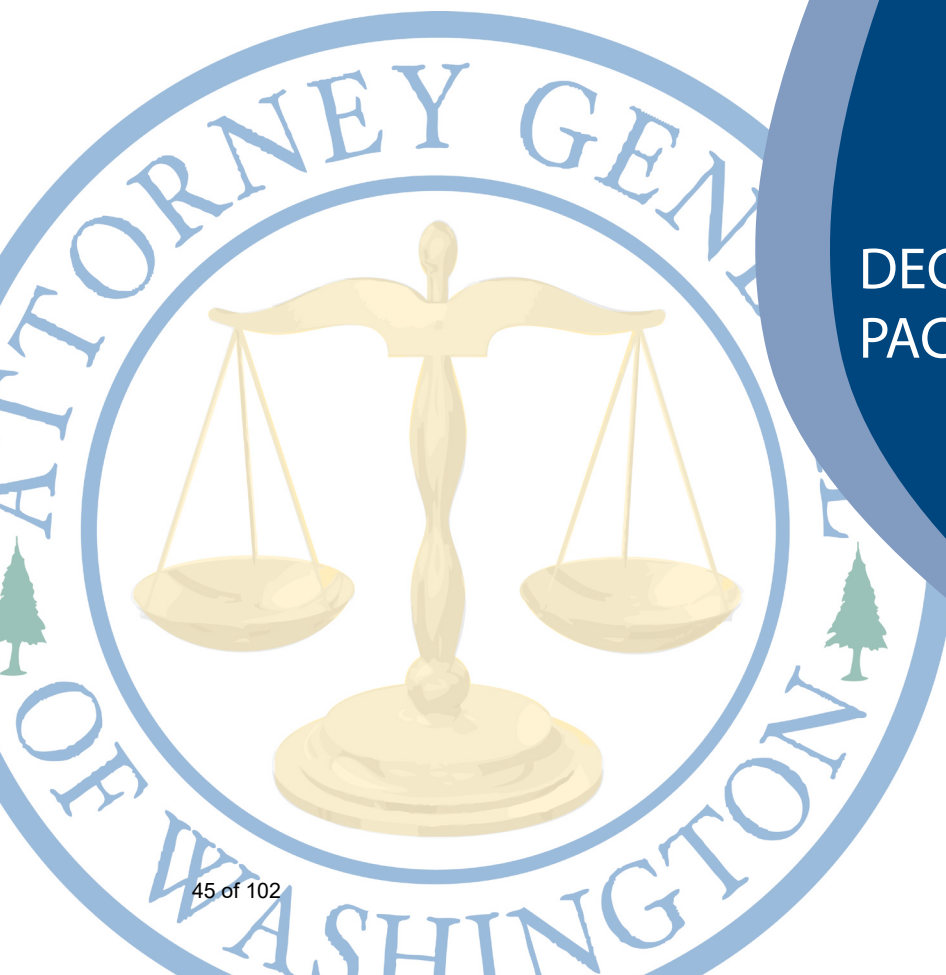
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Tab C

DECISION
PACKAGES





Dollars in Thousands

ABS031 Agency DP Priority (PL)
(List only the program Policy Level budget decision packages, in priority order)
100 - Office of Attorney General
2027 Second Supplemental Budget Session
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Decision Package	
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Code	Decision Package Title
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PL-XP	Public Defense Litigation
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ABS031 Agency DP Priority (PL)
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100 - Office of Attorney General
2027 - Supplemental Budget Request
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Appendix 3

Agency decision package prioritization

STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Insurance Building, PO Box 43113 • Olympia, Washington 98504-3113 • (360) 902-0531

May 2024

To: AGENCY BUDGET STAFF

Subject: AGENCY DECISION PACKAGE PRIORITIZATION SPREADSHEET

The Agency decision package prioritization spreadsheet is composed of four Excel tabs:

1. Instructions (this document)
2. Policy Reductions Only - Prioritized
3. Policy Adds Only - Prioritized, and
4. Combined Reductions and Adds - Prioritized

Policy Reductions Prioritized

Prioritize all policy level *reduction* items 1 – N with 1 being the least detrimental to: clients served relative to eligibility, service levels and disproportionality; public safety; collateral impact to other agencies, local governments or service providers; agency mission; state workforce; and cost to implement.

Policy Adds Prioritized

Prioritize all policy level *add/enhancement* items 1 – N with 1 being the highest priority with the greatest positive impact to: Clients served relative to eligibility, service levels, disproportionality, public safety and cost to implement (i.e., greatest public good)

Combined Reductions and Adds Priority

In order for OFM and the Legislature to assess the relationship between the relative value of your various proposals, prioritize the totality of your policy level proposals (cuts and adds) 1 – N utilizing the same criteria as above.

For example: If your agency has an enhancement item for which you determine the “public good greater than the “public good” lost by a reduction than it could be prioritized higher.

Questions? Contact your assigned OFM Budget Analyst.



Office of Attorney General
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Policy Level - XP - Public Defense Litigation

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Washington State Association of Counties, and three other counties filed suit challenging the constitutionality of funding for statewide public defense costs. The counties currently fund most statewide public defense costs and are trying to shift all these costs to Washington State, including for the 36 non-party counties. The annual costs of statewide public defense are substantial and likely to grow. The case initially was dismissed for lack of standing, but that dismissal was overturned on appeal. This budget request seeks funding to defend the case.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	8.1	4.05	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	\$0	\$1,471	\$1,471	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$1,471	\$1,471	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

The Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC), along with Lincoln, Pacific, and Yakima counties, are challenging the constitutionality of funding for statewide public defense costs. *WSAC v. State of Washington*, King County Superior Court No. 23-2-02911-34. The counties want Washington State to pay for all statewide public defense rather than the counties, including for the 36 non-party counties. The annual costs of statewide public defense are substantial.

Plaintiffs filed suit against the State of Washington. No state agency is named as a defendant. The Office of Public Defense, the agency that distributes some public defense funding, is not the target of the case and has a small budget.

The United States Supreme Court in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 372 U.S. 335, 83 S. Ct. 792, 9 L. Ed. 2d 799 (1963), held that there is a constitutional right to court-appointed counsel, provided for by the state, for indigent defendants in criminal prosecutions. The counties' amended complaint asserts that Washington State currently delegates most trial court indigent defense obligations to the counties. According to the counties, Washington State's funding system fails to provide counties with revenue sources necessary to furnish constitutionally adequate indigent defense services. The counties also claim that Washington State denies indigent defendants' equal access to justice because the defense spending per case varies significantly by county. The counties further claim the Washington Supreme Court's new caseload standards, effective in 2026 and phased in over ten years, will exacerbate the systemic funding problem. According to the counties, the costs will grow exponentially as the new caseload standards are implemented. The counties assert violations of the State and Federal constitutional right to counsel as well as Equal Protection claims. The counties seek declaratory and injunctive relief.

The suit was filed in September 2023. The trial court dismissed the lawsuit for lack of standing in 2024. Division II reversed in 2025, and the Supreme Court denied our petition for review in 2026. After a pause to determine if there was a possible legislative solution, the case resumed with the filing of an amended complaint on June 30, 2026. The discovery cutoff is July 2, 2027, and the trial is scheduled for November 29, 2027. Discovery is in its infancy.

A team of five from the Attorney General's Office (AGO) Complex Litigation Division and Solicitor General's Office will be representing Washington State. The proposal seeks funding for 3.0 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG), 2.5 Paralegal 2 FTE (PL2), and 1.5 Paralegal 1 FTE (PL1). The AGO also requests \$250,000 for expert costs. A companion budget request seeks funding for the upcoming 2027-29 biennium.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

N/A.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

This supplemental request seeks 3.0 AAG, 2.5 PL2, 1.5 PL1, and \$250,000 for expert costs.

A companion biennial request seeks funding for 3.0 AAG, 2.5 PL2, 1.5 PL1 along with \$250,000 in expert costs for FY 2028, and 1.0 AAG, 0.5 PL2, and 0.5 PL1 for FY 2029 when the case likely will be on appeal.

Workforce Assumptions:

FTE detail is provided, Dollars in thousands:

FTE	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	Ongoing ? Y / N
AAG FTE	3.0				Y
Object A & B	519				
PL1 FTE	1.5				Y
Object A & B	270				
PL2 FTE	2.5				Y
Object A & B	149				
MA5 FTE	1.1				Y
Object A & B	154				
TOTAL FTE	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL A & B	1,092	0	0	0	

Historical Funding:

N/A.

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

This budget request supports the Governor's Public Safety Priority. Public defense is a necessary and important part of the criminal justice system. Governor Ferguson has worked on bipartisan efforts to strengthen public defense. This litigation will potentially impact on funding and staffing levels for public defense.

This request supports the following portions of the AGO Strategic Plan:

Mission. Deliver excellent and independent legal services to state government, defend the rule of law, and fight for justice, fairness, and the public good.

Goals:

- Protect democracy and the rights of the people.
- Provide exceptional legal, policy, and public services.
- Advance work on key issues including public safety, worker rights, and housing.
- Use the power of the office to create a safe, fair, and affordable Washington for all.

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
002533 - Total AG Formal and Informal Opinions Issued	0	1,471	0	0

Performance Outcomes:

Incremental impact for this performance measure is indeterminate.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

N/A.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

N/A.

Target Communities and Populations:

This proposal, which seeks funding to defend a lawsuit, does not have equity impacts. However, the subject matter of the lawsuit involves claims of inequitable impacts. The counties claim Washington State denies indigent defendants equal access to justice because the defense spending per case varies significantly by county.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

N/A.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

N/A.

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A.

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A.

Intergovernmental:

This proposal, which seeks funding to defend a lawsuit, does not have intergovernmental impacts. However, the subject matter of the lawsuit seeks to shift a significant expense from the counties to Washington State.

Stakeholder Impacts:

There is no known opposition to this request at this time. However, the counties and their supporters may use this proposal to attempt to seek more funding from Washington State for public defense without the need for litigation.

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A.

Changes from Current Law:

N/A.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

WSAC v. State of Washington, King County Superior Court No. 23-2-02911-34.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

N/A.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. A	\$0	\$842	\$842	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$230	\$230	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. C	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. E	\$0	\$140	\$140	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. G	\$0	\$9	\$9	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Office of Attorney General
2025-27 Second Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - XQ - House Legal Services

Agency Recommendation Summary

The House of Representatives (House) has an increased need for legal advice and representation which has caused billing to exceed the legal services appropriation in the Central Service Model (CSM). Providing increased funding to the House and increasing the Attorney General's Office (AGO) billing authority also reduces the need for the House to contract Special Assistant Attorney Generals (SAAGs).

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 405 - 1	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue						
405 - 0420	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

Due to increased advice and representation, the House of Representatives (House) spent almost 80 percent of their total 2025-27 biennial legal service appropriation in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 alone. This funding request will allow the House to pay for legal services for FY 2026 and for routine legal services in FY 2027 without contracting with Special Assistant Attorney Generals (SAAGs), which cost substantially more than services provided by the AGO. Most of the billing overage was due to a press credentials case, Hoffman et al v. Washington State House of Representatives et al.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

Without additional funding, the House's budget for legal services is inadequate to support the costs of representation and increased need for advice and support. In FY 2026 the House's legal costs were \$45,938 while the legal services appropriation provided was \$29,500.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

The House and the AGO request funding to support the increased need related to recent and current actions, like the Hoffman et al v. Washington State House of Representatives et al case and the increasingly contentious legal landscape. It is expected that case workload will continue to grow as an increase in the number of individuals or entities seeking to challenge the state grows.

Workforce Assumptions:

FTE detail is provided, Dollars in thousands:

FTE	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	Ongoing ? Y / N
DSG AAG	0.2				Y
Object A & B	41				
TOTAL FTE	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL A & B	41	0	0	0	

Historical Funding:

Dollars in Thousands:

FY 2025

FTE =

Total Funds = \$80

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$80

FY 2026

FTE =

Total Funds = \$29.5

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$29.5

FY 2027 (current funding)

FTE =

Total Funds = \$29.5

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$29.5

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

We are accountable and transparent and serve as good stewards of state resources – our own and those of our partners. We are committed to managing our resources in a way that is consistent with expectations for any state agency (Your Washington).

Provide exceptional legal, policy, and public services (AGO Strategic Plan).

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
002539 - Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year	0	50	0	0

Performance Outcomes:

Incremental impact for this performance measure is indeterminate.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

Community engagement is achieved through public taskforce participation, open forums, and collaboration with equity-focused offices, ensuring that diverse voices shape both policy and legal precedent.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

N/A.

Target Communities and Populations:

The SGO's primary legal function is appellate advocacy ensuring legal correctness and process integrity. In representing the state in litigation, the SGO provides justice or the protection of rights under law and often involves giving people what they are due, based on fair principles, rights, and moral correctness. It emphasizes fairness and impartiality, which is sometimes even greater than equity.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

The SGO coordinates the involvement of the AGO in cases before the United States Supreme Court, assists the AGO in preparing and presenting appellate cases in state and federal courts, directly handles select appeals, and coordinates the AGO's involvement with amicus curiae "Friend of the Court" briefs. The SGO is responsible for preparing and issuing Attorney General Opinions to officials statutorily authorized to request them and works in conjunction with the Attorney General Opinions Committee to accomplish this responsibility.

The SGO carries out the Attorney General's duties to prepare ballot titles and explanatory statements for ballot measures and represents the state in litigation involving the powers of initiative and referendum. The SGO serves as counsel to the Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor and Administrative Office of the Courts. The Solicitor General serves as the chair of the AGO Ethics Committee, and the SGO plays a role in coordinating legal advice on issues of statewide significance.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

N/A.

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A.

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A.

Intergovernmental:

Client Billing costs are provided, Dollars in thousands:

Client	Fund	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
011 House	405	50			
TOTAL		50	-	-	-

Stakeholder Impacts:

There is no known opposition to this proposal currently.

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A.

Changes from Current Law:

N/A.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

N/A.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

N/A.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. A	\$0	\$33	\$33	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$8	\$8	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. E	\$0	\$9	\$9	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Office of Attorney General
2025-27 Second Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - XR - WCCSEO Legal Services

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) Government Compliance and Enforcement Division (GCE) is requesting \$50,000 in legal services allocation for the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (WCCSEO) during the 2025-27 Biennium. Additional billing during the 2025-27 Biennium was related to *Kyle Wilson v. State of Washington*, Case No. 26-2-0046421, which is unlikely to have an appeal.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 405 - 1	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue						
405 - 0420	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) provides advice to the Citizens' Commission on Salaries of Elected Officials (WCCSEO). WCCSEO's legal services allocation has proven to be insufficient during the 2025-27 biennium. WCCSEO does not typically have a need for litigation services. Due to an unusual and unexpected litigation matter, *Kyle Wilson v. State of Washington*, Case No. 26-2-0046421, WCCSEO has overspent their minimal biennial legal service appropriation of \$2,300. The funds requested will provide payment for this matter and the routine workload going forward.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

During the 2021-23 biennium, WCCSEO's legal billing included \$2,618. During the 2023-25 biennium, WCCSEO's legal billing included \$2,418. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 alone, WCCSEO's legal billing included \$29,031. The increase in legal services was based on an unusual and unexpected litigation matter, Kyle Wilson v. State of Washington, Case No. 26-2-0046421.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

WCCSEO and the AGO request funding to support the unexpected litigation matter, Kyle Wilson v. State of Washington, Case No. 26-2-0046421. The average biennium appropriation for the past three biennia has been \$2,900. The \$50,000 additional legal service allocation ensures that in FY 2027, WCCSEO will have the funds to pay for the outstanding FY 2026 legal service invoices.

Workforce Assumptions:

N/A.

Historical Funding:

Dollars in Thousands:

FY 2025

FTE =

Total Funds = \$1.45

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$1.45

FY 2026

FTE =

Total Funds = \$1.15

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$1.15

FY 2027 (current funding)

FTE =

Total Funds = \$1.15

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$1.15

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

Governor's Goals/Priorities: Making state government more efficient and effective and center the people in every decision.

(AGO Strategic Plan): Goal 2: Provide exceptional legal, policy, and public services.

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
002539 - Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year	0	50	0	0

Performance Outcomes:

Incremental impact for this performance measure is indeterminate.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

All WCCSEO meetings are conducted in accordance with the [Open Public Meetings Act](#) and are open to the public.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

WCCSEO was created to establish salaries that reflect the duties of the state's elected officials and to remove political considerations from the process.

Target Communities and Populations:

This proposal will have a statewide impact as WCCSEO was established through an amendment to the State Constitution, to set appropriate salaries for the state's elected officials and to remove political considerations from the process. Increased funding will ensure the AGO's ability to provide comprehensive and timely legal services to WCCSEO, thereby assisting WCCSEO in furtherance of that agency's mission.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

Public hearings are held to provide citizens an opportunity to present testimony and comment on the "proposed" two-year salary schedule. These hearings are held in cities around the state to provide maximum citizen access to the decision-making process. State law requires that we hold no fewer than four public hearings. Individuals that are not able to attend a meeting or hearing are encouraged to send their comments via phone, mail, or email.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

N/A.

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A.

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A.

Intergovernmental:

Client Billing costs are provided, Dollars in thousands:

Client	Fund	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
COS	405	50			
TOTAL		50	-	-	-

Stakeholder Impacts:

N/A.

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A.

Changes from Current Law:

N/A.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

N/A.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

N/A.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. E	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Office of Attorney General
2025-27 Second Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - XS - Supreme Court Legal Services

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Supreme Court has exceeded their current 2025-27 biennial legal service allocation and requests additional funds to pay unexpected legal service billing during Fiscal Year (FY) 2027.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 405 - 1	\$0	\$176	\$176	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$176	\$176	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue						
405 - 0420	\$0	\$176	\$176	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$176	\$176	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

The Supreme Court has faced extraordinary litigation costs this biennium that have far exceeded prior costs or projections. The current biennial budget for the Supreme Court's legal services is significantly overspent. The workload and expenses result from litigation in which the Supreme Court's members or staff have been named as respondents. There is a pattern of increased pro se litigants filing lawsuits appellate against judges. For example, this year the Supreme Court was the subject of litigation brought by Michael Kaiser in federal district court, which required representation by the Attorney General's Office (AGO) above the Supreme Court's general legal advice and representation needs. The higher fees this year are related to the Supreme Court being named as a defendant in federal cases brought by Gregory Langadinos and Michael Kaiser, which were both successfully handled by the Attorney General's Office (AGO) Complex Litigation Division (COM). The *Langadinos* case involved repeated motions practice in the district court, followed by an appeal to the Ninth Circuit, and then followed again by further motions practice in the district court. The complaint was dismissed with prejudice on June 29, 2026, and the window for a potential appeal has closed.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

This request will support the increased legal needs the Supreme Court has experienced based on the actions of Gregory Langadinos and Michael Kaiser. Without receiving additional funding, the Supreme Court budget for legal services is inadequate to support the cost of this litigation and an increased need for advice and support. For comparison, the 2021-23 biennial Supreme Court legal bills totaled \$20,684 and during the 2023-25 biennium the legal billing totaled \$8,471. Whereas, in fiscal year 2026 the Supreme Court legal costs were \$199,076 alone.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

The Supreme Court and the AGO request funding to support an unexpected litigation matter. The FTE costs associate with this request are projected from the FY 2026 Kaiser case. The request amounts to approximately \$176,000 as performed by the AGO Complex Litigation Division (COM).

Workforce Assumptions:

FTE detail is provided, Dollars in thousands:

FTE	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	Ongoing ? Y / N
AAG FTE	0.5				N
Object A & B	86				
PL2 FTE	0.1				N
Object A & B	11				
PL1 FTE	0.3				N
Object A & B	25				
MA5 FTE	0.2				N
Object A & B	22				
PL3 FTE	0.1				N
Object A & B	12				
TOTAL FTE	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL A & B	156	0	0	0	

Historical Funding:

Dollars in Thousands:

FY 2025

FTE =

Total Funds = \$34.6

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$34.6

FY 2026

FTE =

Total Funds = \$11.4

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$11.4

FY 2027 (current funding)

FTE =

Total Funds = \$11.4

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$11.4

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

We are accountable and transparent and serve as good stewards of state resources – our own and those of our partners. We are committed to managing our resources in a way that is consistent with expectations for any state agency (Your Washington).

Provide exceptional legal, policy, and public services (AGO Strategic Plan).

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
002539 - Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year	0	176	0	0

Performance Outcomes:

Incremental impact for this performance measure is indeterminate.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

While the SGO’s primary legal function is appellate advocacy and representing the state in high-stakes litigation, the SGO’s work intersects with equity and community engagement through the broader AGO priorities. The SGO influences equity outcomes by supporting statewide policy priorities that protect vulnerable populations, advancing environmental justice, and ensuring legal standards reflect equity goals. Community engagement is achieved through public taskforce participation, open forums, and collaboration with equity-focused offices, ensuring that diverse voices shape both policy and legal precedent.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

N/A.

Target Communities and Populations:

The Solicitor General’s Office (SGO) influences equity by working alongside historically marginalized and overburdened populations, especially low-income, Tribes, and communities of color by embedding environmental justice, racial equity, and access to legal services into state policy and enforcement.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

The SGO coordinates the involvement of the AGO in cases before the United States Supreme Court, assists the AGO in preparing and presenting appellate cases in state and federal courts, directly handles select appeals, and coordinates the AGO’s involvement with amicus curiae “Friend of the Court” briefs. The SGO is responsible for preparing and issuing Attorney General Opinions to officials statutorily authorized to request them and works in conjunction with the Attorney General Opinions Committee to accomplish this responsibility.

The SGO carries out the Attorney General’s duties to prepare ballot titles and explanatory statements for ballot measures and represents the state in litigation involving the powers of initiative and referendum. The SGO serves as counsel to the Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor and Administrative Office of the Courts. The Solicitor General serves as the chair of the AGO Ethics Committee, and the SGO plays a role in coordinating legal advice on issues of statewide significance.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

N/A.

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A.

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A.

Intergovernmental:

Client Billing costs are provided, Dollars in thousands:

Client	Fund	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
SUP	405	176			
TOTAL		176	-	-	-

Stakeholder Impacts:

N/A.

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A.

Changes from Current Law:

N/A.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

N/A.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

N/A.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. A	\$0	\$123	\$123	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$33	\$33	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. E	\$0	\$19	\$19	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. G	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Office of Attorney General
2025-27 Second Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - XT - MHD Increased Authority

Agency Recommendation Summary

The AGO's Manufactured Housing Dispute Resolution Program (Program) serves the public by enforcing RCW 59.20, the Manufactured and Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act (MHLTA) and by offering a dispute resolution program for landlords and tenants to address alleged MHLTA violations. The Program protects affordable housing in our most disadvantaged communities and for residents at the lowest income levels, directly supporting a key state and gubernatorial priority. Recent statutory changes have increased the Program's workload, requiring additional staffing to avoid backlogs that delay delivery of services.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 12F - 1	\$0	\$130	\$130	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$130	\$130	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

The AGO's Manufactured Housing Dispute Resolution Program (Program) receives complaints from both landlords and tenants who allege violations of the Manufactured and Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act (MHLTA) and facilitates a dispute resolution program for these stakeholders to resolve these MHLTA issues without need for litigation. The Program's work protects affordable housing within the most disadvantaged communities and for residents at the lowest income levels. Recent statutory changes have increased the Program's workload, requiring additional staffing to avoid backlogs that delay essential services.

In 2023, the legislature amended RCW 59.20.030 to require landlords to provide notice of intent to sell. Two years later, HB1217 (rent stabilization) went into effect and the MHLTA was amended to provide additional tenant protections, including limits on the amount a landlord may increase a tenant's rent and new requirements for notices of rent increase. These amendments expanded the scope of the Program's dispute resolution services, increasing complaint volume and complexity. The Program's expanded enforcement requires additional staff to process complaints and provide services; for complaints that allege violations of rent stabilization laws immediate action is frequently required to prevent potential eviction. Rent issues under the MHLTA are particularly urgent, as if a tenant is evicted from their mobile home and owes money to the landlord, landlords may place liens and sell the home. MHLTA complaints must be monitored continuously once dispute resolution services are initiated to ensure prompt resolution or enforcement of the MHLTA.

Current Program staff resources are insufficient to effectively and efficiently meet demand for program services.

The Program has seen a steady and sustained increase in complaints over the past five years related to amendments to RCW 59.20.320-355, RCW 59.20 rent stabilization laws, and corporate purchases of Washington State mobile home communities that resulted in significantly increased rent, reduced amenities, and deferred maintenance of park infrastructures. In 2020, Program staff FTE was set at 5.5 and the Program received 389 complaints that year. By 2025, Program staff FTE had slightly increased to 6.0, but the Program fielded 860 complaints. If Program staff FTE is not aligned with service demands, the Program will experience increasing backlogs that delay delivery of services, staff burnout, and staff turnover.

Manufactured and mobile home communities are a source of affordable housing in Washington State, and tenants are uniquely vulnerable. If the Program cannot effectively provide services and enforce the MHLTA, tenants are likely to face increased financial hardship, evictions, and loss of housing because of illegal rent increases.

Fulfilling the statutory requirements effectively of RCW 59.30 requires additional program staff. The other option is to ineffectively fulfill requirements or fail to fulfill statutory requirements. Increasing complaints suggest the Program will also see a future increase in enforcement work, including Notices of Violation that can be appealed to Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), with attendant increases in associated costs.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

This proposal expands Program staff FTE and requires an expenditure authority increase for maintenance level operations. Expenditure authority for the Program in 2023-25 was \$2,165,000 and in 2025-27 was \$2,218,000.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

The AGO requires additional authority of \$130,000 in FY 2028 and in each year thereafter.

The additional funding would support 1.0 FTE Program Specialist 4.

MHLT STATS 2019-2026* Projected		
Year	Written Complaints	Telephone Inquiries
2019	369	668
2020	389	351
2021	414	606
2022	573	1,401
2023	718	1,781
2024	801	1,586
2025	860	1,538
2026*	910	1,600

Workforce Assumptions:

FTE detail is provided, Dollars in thousands:

FTE	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	Ongoing ? / N
Program Specialist 4 FTE	1.0				Y
Object A & B	109				
TOTAL FTE	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL A & B	109	0	0	0	

Historical Funding:

Dollars in Thousands:

FY 2025

FTE = 6.0

Total Funds = \$1,070

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$1,070
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FY 2026

FTE = 7.8

Total Funds = \$1,117

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$1,117

FY 2027 (current funding)

FTE = 7.8

Total Funds = \$1,101

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$1,101

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

The Program and its work fits squarely within key Legislative, Agency, and Governor priorities. The Legislature created the Program to preserve affordable housing and reduce the expense of resolving landlord and tenant disputes. See RCW 59.30.010(2) (finding that “legal action ... can be a costly and lengthy process, and that many people cannot afford to pursue a court process to vindicate statutory rights.”). The Program, Manufactured and mobile home community landlords will also benefit by having access to a process that resolves disputes quickly and efficiently.”) The Program is central to all four of the Attorney General’s strategic goals for the next two years, because it is instrumental “protecting the rights of the people,” providing exceptional public service to underserved and vulnerable communities, advancing work on housing, and using the power of the office to create a safe, fair, and affordable Washington for all.

The Program also directly addresses the Governor’s priorities. “Addressing Washington's housing shortage is key for Governor Ferguson. In the next 20 years, Washington State will need 1.1 million more homes, at least half of which will need to be affordable for residents at the lowest income levels.”

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
002534 - Direct Restitution Provided to Consumers through Litigation and Complaint Resolution	\$0	\$130	\$0	\$0

Performance Outcomes:

Incremental impact for this performance measure is indeterminate.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

The Program regularly conducts outreach with stakeholders across the Washington State, but none has been done specific to this request.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

As of 2020, there were more than 1,232 manufactured housing communities across Washington State offering spaces for homes at the land rental rate, making homeownership affordable for many Washington State families, seniors, and low-income wage earners. See Manufactured Housing Communities Workgroup Report, Dept. of Commerce, 2020 (<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Manufactured-Housing-Workgroup-Report.pdf>). When tenants are displaced from a community, they must choose between moving, demolishing, or abandoning their homes. In 2020, it cost as much as \$15,000 to move a manufactured home, and “The disruption caused by the unexpected loss of a valuable asset and the financial burden that follows can put families at risk of homelessness.”

Target Communities and Populations:

Manufactured housing and mobile home communities are widely recognized as some of the most affordable housing in Washington State. See, e.g., [Manufactured home park residents pray for relief as lawmakers aim at rent | KNKX Public Radio](#). Manufactured and mobile home landlords, tenants, and communities.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

N/A.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

N/A.

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A.

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A.

Intergovernmental:

N/A.

Stakeholder Impacts:

N/A.

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A.

Changes from Current Law:

N/A.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

As described, the Program requires increased staffing in part due to legislative amendments to RCW 59.20.030 in 2023 and 2025. These amendments expanded tenant protections, and thus the scope of the Program's dispute resolution services, increasing complaint volume and complexity.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

N/A.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. A	\$0	\$82	\$82	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$27	\$27	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. E	\$0	\$20	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. G	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Office of Attorney General
2025-27 Second Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - XU - ALDF Grant Authority

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) requests an increase to its expenditure authority of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) private grant awarded to the state from the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit organization. The ALDF grant will allow the AGO to continue the important work of supporting the prosecution of animal crimes, including animal cruelty. This request would authorize the AGO to spend the grant to support county prosecutors focused on these matters.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 7	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue						
001 - 0541	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

Since 2021, due to the lack of resources to support prosecuting animal crimes, the AGO has received a grant of \$150,000 each calendar year from the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit organization. to support the prosecution of animal crimes. This request is a technical decision package to increase the expenditure authority for the AGO to spend the grant to support a prosecutor focused on these matters. The AGO already has an appropriation of past grants of \$179,000 in FY 2026 and \$75,000 in FY 2027, for a total of \$254,000 for 2025-2027 (fund 001-7 (General fund-private/local, appropriation type 7), expenditure authority code 500). This request would increase the appropriation to \$225,000 for FY 2027, for a total of \$404,000 in 2025-2027.

This grant will pay a portion of salary and a portion of the total benefits and associated costs of an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) to improve prosecution of animal crimes focused on fish, wildlife, and other animal crimes, including animal cruelty. The grant will pay 81 percent of salaries at approximately \$122,000 and 19 percent of benefits at \$28,000. The remaining of the salaries and benefits not covered by this grant will be paid with General Fund State (GFS). The AAG will be dedicated to prosecuting those cases and assisting with such cases throughout Washington State. These funds will support a position focused on enforcement of animal crimes.

The grantor is the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), a nonprofit organization that provides grants to state Attorney Generals and county prosecutors engaged in the enforcement of animal crimes. The AGO animal crimes prosecutor supported by this grant is currently involved in investigation, review, or consulting in 21 cases involving animal cruelty and neglect, animal fighting, cruelty to wildlife, and animal hoarding. These efforts include consulting with officers, agencies and animal welfare groups on search warrant questions, forfeiture issues, and connecting agencies with available resources such as animal placement and forensic testing. These statewide collaborative efforts included investigations and cases in Adams, Benton, Clark, Chelan, Clallam, Franklin, Grant, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Klickitat, Lewis, Okanogan, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Yakima Counties.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

This request does not expand or alter the current program but provides expenditure authority for the current grant awarded to the AGO.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

This will allow the AGO's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to continue to expend the ALDF grant funds within the grant periods awarded.

Workforce Assumptions:

The increase in the expenditure authority covers the salaries and part of the benefits for the current staffing level. The anticipated staffing costs are \$313,000 for salaries and \$74,000 for benefits in 2025-2027. Increasing the expenditure authority for this grant would cover these costs.

Historical Funding:

Dollars in Thousands:

FY 2025

FTE =

Total Funds = \$60

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$60

FY 2026

FTE =

Total Funds = \$179

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$179

FY 2027 (current funding)

FTE =

Total Funds = \$75

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$75

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

Link to Governor's Goals/Priorities that this Decision Package supports:

[Priorities](#) | [Governor Bob Ferguson](#)

Agency Strategic Plan:

Goal: Advance work on key issues including public safety, worker rights, and housing.

Goal: Use the power of the office to create a safe, fair, and affordable Washington for all.

This request advances the above agency strategic plan goals by supporting the enforcement of criminal laws prohibiting animal cruelty and neglect and misuse of Washington State's natural resources. This will assist local law enforcement and animal control officers in establishing a strong environment of accountability for violators.

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
002536 - Criminal Cases Closed	0	150	0	0

Performance Outcomes:

Incremental impact for this performance measure is indeterminate.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

The AGO conducts regular and ongoing engagement with community members, community-based organizations, and local law enforcement and animal control agencies.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

N/A.

Target Communities and Populations:

N/A.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

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Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

N/A.

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A.

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A.

Intergovernmental:

This program supports local animal control, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and county prosecuting attorneys to ensure consistent, high-quality enforcement of laws prohibiting animal cruelty and neglect and other crimes related to animals.

Stakeholder Impacts:

Statewide animal control agencies and officers support the AGO's work in this area.

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A.

Changes from Current Law:

N/A.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

N/A.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

N/A.

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. A	\$0	\$122	\$122	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$28	\$28	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Office of Attorney General
2025-27 Second Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - XV - PERC Legal Services

Agency Recommendation Summary

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Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Staffing						
FTEs	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 405 - 1	\$0	\$59	\$59	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$59	\$59	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue						
405 - 0420	\$0	\$59	\$59	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$59	\$59	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) provides advice and representation to the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC). PERC's legal services appropriation has proven to be insufficient during the 2025-27 biennium. PERC has had an atypical amount of appeals and is likely to overspend their biennial legal service appropriation of \$52,200. The funds requested will provide payment for the routine workload going forward.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

During the 2023-25 biennium, PERC's legal billing included \$26,299 of an appropriated \$217,500. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 alone, PERC's legal billing included \$47,531 of the total biennial appropriation of \$52,200. The increase in legal services was based on an increase in the number of appeals.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

PERC and AGO request funding to support the unexpected number of appeals. The \$59,000 additional legal service appropriation ensures that in FY 2027 PERC will have the funds to pay for ongoing legal services.

Workforce Assumptions:

FTE detail is provided, Dollars in thousands:

FTE	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	Ongoing ? Y / N
AAG FTE	0.2				N
Object A & B	35				
PL1 FTE	0.1				N
Object A & B	10				
MA5 FTE	0.1				N
Object A & B	9				
TOTAL FTE	0.4				
TOTAL A & B	54				

Historical Funding:

Dollars in Thousands:

FY 2025

FTE =

Total Funds = \$109

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$109

FY 2026

FTE =

Total Funds = \$26

Near General Fund = \$0

Other Funds = \$26

FY 2027 (current funding)

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Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

Governor's Goals/Priorities: Making state government more efficient and effective and center the people in every decision.

AGO Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Provide exceptional legal, policy, and public services.

Performance Measures	Incremental Changes 2026	Incremental Changes 2027	Incremental Changes 2028	Incremental Changes 2029
002539 - Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year	0	59	0	0

Performance Outcomes:

Incremental impact for this performance measure is indeterminate.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

N/A.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

N/A.

Target Communities and Populations:

This proposal will have a statewide impact. PERC is authorized by statute to have jurisdiction over public sector labor relations and collective bargaining and assists parties in resolving labor-management disputes. Increased funding will ensure the AGO's ability to provide comprehensive and timely legal services to PERC, thereby assisting PERC in furtherance of their core mission.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

N/A.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

N/A.

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A.

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A.

Intergovernmental:

Client Billing costs are provided, Dollars in thousands:

Client	Fund	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
PERC	405	59			
TOTAL		59	-	-	-

Stakeholder Impacts:

N/A.

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A.

Changes from Current Law:

N/A.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

N/A.

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	2026	2027	2025-27	2028	2029	2027-29
Obj. A	\$0	\$42	\$42	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$11	\$11	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. E	\$0	\$6	\$6	\$0	\$0	\$0

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REVENUE





Dollars in Thousands

ABS 029 Summarized Revenue by Account and Source
Office of Attorney General
Agency Level
2027 Second Supplemental Budget Session
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	Maintenance Level		Policy Level		Annual Totals		
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2026	FY2027	FY2026	FY2027	Biennial Total
001 - General Fund							
0541 - Contributions Grants - P/L							
XU - ALDF Grant Authority	0	150	0	0			
Total - 0541 - Contributions Grants - P/L	0	150	0	0		150	150
001 - General Fund - Private/Local		150				150	150
Total - 001 - General Fund		150				150	150
 405 - Legal Serv Rev Acct							
0420 - Charges for Services - S							
XQ - House Legal Services	0	50	0	0			
XR - WCCSEO Legal Services	0	50	0	0			
XS - Supreme Court Legal Services	0	176	0	0			
XV - PERC Legal Services	0	59	0	0			
Total - 0420 - Charges for Services - S	0	335	0	0		335	335
405 - Legal Serv Rev Acct - State		335				335	335
Total - 405 - Legal Serv Rev Acct		335				335	335
 Agency: 100 ATG - State		335				335	335
Agency: 100 ATG - Private/Local		150				150	150
Total - Agency: 100 ATG		485					
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XQ - House Legal Services

The House of Representatives (House) has an increased need for legal advice and representation which has caused billing to exceed the legal services appropriation in the Central Service Model (CSM). Providing increased funding to the House and increasing the Attorney General's Office (AGO) billing authority also reduces the need for the House to contract Special Assistant Attorney Generals (SAAGs).

XR - WCCSEO Legal Services

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) Government Compliance and Enforcement Division (GCE) is requesting \$50,000 in legal services allocation for the Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (WCCSEO) during the 2025-27 Biennium. Additional billing during the 2025-27 Biennium was related to Kyle Wilson v. State of Washington, Case No. 26-2-0046421, which is unlikely to have an appeal.

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XS - Supreme Court Legal Services

The Supreme Court has exceeded their current 2025-27 biennial legal service allocation and requests additional funds to pay unexpected legal service billing during Fiscal Year (FY) 2027.

XU - ALDF Grant Authority

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) requests an increase to its expenditure authority of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) private grant awarded to the state from the Animal Legal Defense Fund, a nonprofit organization. The ALDF grant will allow the AGO to continue the important work of supporting the prosecution of animal crimes, including animal cruelty. This request would authorize the AGO to spend the grant to support county prosecutors focused on these matters.

XV - PERC Legal Services

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Not Applicable



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Revenue Transfer Reconciliation Statement

Not Applicable

Federal Fund Estimates-State Match

Not Applicable

Additional Federal Receipts Reporting Requirements

Not Applicable

Non-budgeted Local Fund Summary

Not Applicable

Puget Sound Action Agenda

Not Applicable

JLARC Audit Response

Not Applicable

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OTHER REQUIRED
INFORMATION



Central Service Fund Splits
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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All Columns by Agency must equal 100%											
Agency	Account and Approp Title	Auditor	AttGen	OAH	Facilities & Services Only	WaTech	Debt Services	Workers' Comp	All Other	Risk Mgmt Division	Self Insurance
100-Office of the Attorney General	001-1 General Fund-State	14.41%	14.41%	0.00%	14.41%	14.41%	14.41%	14.41%	14.41%	14.41%	14.41%
100-Office of the Attorney General	111-1 Public Service Revolving Account-State	1.21%	1.21%	0.00%	1.21%	1.21%	1.21%	1.21%	1.21%	1.21%	1.21%
100-Office of the Attorney General	12F-6 Manufactured/Mobile Home Dispute-Non-Appropriation	0.41%	0.41%	35.71%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%
100-Office of the Attorney General	141-6 Federal Seizure Account	0.72%	0.72%	0.00%	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%	0.72%
100-Office of the Attorney General	154-1 New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Acct-State	0.36%	0.36%	0.00%	0.36%	0.36%	0.36%	0.36%	0.36%	0.36%	0.36%
100-Office of the Attorney General	17L-6 Foreclosure Fairness Account-Non-Appropriation	0.12%	0.12%	0.00%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%
100-Office of the Attorney General	25V-6 WA ST Atg Charitable Asset Prtcn Acct	0.30%	0.30%	0.00%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
100-Office of the Attorney General	405-1 Legal Services Revolving Account-State	79.79%	79.79%	64.29%	79.79%	79.79%	79.79%	79.79%	79.79%	79.79%	79.79%
100-Office of the Attorney General	424-6 Anti-Trust Revolving Account-Non-Appropriation	2.43%	2.43%	0.00%	2.43%	2.43%	2.43%	2.43%	2.43%	2.43%	2.43%
100-Office of the Attorney General	441-1 Local Government Archives Account-State	0.21%	0.21%	0.00%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%
100-Office of the Attorney General	828-1 Tobacco Prevention and Control Acct-State	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Attorney General's Office Enterprise Risk Management Update – 2026

The following are three major risks that could impact the Attorney General Office's (AGO) ability to achieve its strategic objectives on time. For each risk there are several initiatives and activities either completed or underway designed to address the concern.

1. **Similar to all organizations, the office faces a threat of cyber security or network attacks.**

In light of the increased sophistication and magnitude of recent cyberattacks on governmental and non-governmental entities, the AGO is working extensively to mitigate the risk of attacks and develop actions plans to promptly address and minimize the impact of any cyber security incidents. The AGO's efforts to continuously focus on this area in order to protect our Information Technology (IT) infrastructure and data include the following:

- Public law firms are routinely targets for ransomware. Several large public law firms have been targeted leaving attorneys without access to documents needed to represent their clients. To mitigate these risks, ISD built a team of cybersecurity professionals and developed a strong IT Security Program.
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