

**Washington State Judicial Branch
2026 Supplemental Budget
PLACEHOLDER - Appellate Caseload Standards Implementation**

Agency: Office of Public Defense

Decision Package Code/Title: D5 – Appellate Caseload Standards

Agency Recommendation Summary Text:

The Office of Public Defense (OPD) submits this request as a placeholder in the event the Washington Supreme Court issues final appellate caseload standards. On September 5, 2025, the Court ordered an interim reduction to the appellate caseload standards to 30 appeals per attorney per year. OPD is already contracting at the interim standard. If the Court reduces the caseload standard below 30, OPD will submit a request to fund additional contract attorneys. (General Fund-State)

Fiscal Summary:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	Biennial	FY 2028	FY 2029	Biennial
Staffing						
FTEs	0.00	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001-1	\$0	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD
Total Expenditures						
	\$0	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD