

DJA Budget Reduction

- 1) Handling fee for correspondence requests** Revenue=\$50,000
Recover costs associated with correspondence requests that are mailed to the Department of Judicial Administration. Return postage would be charged when there is none provided by the customer. The handling fee is to recover costs associated with the additional time staff spends on each request because the customer is not present at the window.
- 2) Increase ECR online fee** Revenue = \$40,000
Increase the amount of the fee charged for copies provided via the internet. Copies of a limited number of cases have been available over the internet since 2005.
- 3) Charge for out of county ITA filings** Revenue = \$25,000
This proposal is for DJA to initiate a procedure to bill the human service departments of counties having their residents involuntarily committed in King County.
- 4) Charge a Fee for Creditors Claims filed** Revenue=\$200,000
This proposal would impose a filing fee on Creditor Claims filed in probate cases.
- 5) Expedited Fee for Services** Revenue=\$20,000
This proposal is to provide a new service where customers pay an additional \$30 fee for staff to expedite their ExParte or General Correspondence request. The fee would guarantee the customer that their request is being handled as soon as we receive it.
- 6) Increase state funding for LFO collections** Revenue=\$50,000
A funding request will be made by the Washington State Association of County Clerks (WSACC) for supplemental funding of \$450,000 annually, state-wide, as well as to have all state LFO collection funding indexed for inflation. This will result in a revenue increase to DJA.
- 7) Ex Parte matters via the Clerk (shared w/SC)** Revenue=\$100,000
See Superior Court's description of the Ex Parte via the Clerk service.
- 8) Do not fill 2 new FTEs for the 53rd Judge** Reduction=\$111,000
DJA has historically, based on a time and motion study, received 3.1 FTE's for each judicial position added. DJA would not fill 2 of the FTE's associated with the new 53rd judge position.
- 9) Implement mandatory e-filing** Reduction=\$227,000
This proposal would mandate that certain documents be filed electronically. The implementation details are still being worked out. Where mandatory e-filing has an impact on working papers it is planned that even if parties are allowed to submit working papers electronically all judges and commissioners will have the option of having the working papers printed.

**10) Eliminate Civil Show Cause process (LR 4.2 (4))
(Caseflow - heard by Chief Civil)**

Reduction=\$57,000

This proposal would re-allocate pre-trial case management responsibilities from the Clerk's Office and Chief Civil Department to the individually-calendared (IC) judges for monitoring compliance with case scheduling orders and deadlines.

11) Eliminate 2 TLT positions (ECR Program staff)

Reduction=\$183,000

This proposal would eliminate 2 Term-limited temporary positions established for the full implementation of the ECR program.

12) Eliminate Customer Service TLT

Reduction=\$61,000

This proposal would reduce one Term-Limited Temporary positions from DJA's customer service staff.

13) Adult Drug Court CX Treatment (non-mandatory)

Reduction=\$200,000

This proposal would reduce the treatment dollars available to be used for drug court clients. Alternative sources of treatment funding are available.

DJA's revenue and reduction total \$1,324,000

DJA's Target Reduction = \$1,564,000