

Court of Appeals

Article IV, State Constitution; RCW 2.06

Request	\$38,190,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$3,956,984	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	11.6%	Increase

The Court of Appeals is a non-discretionary appellate court; it must accept all appeals filed with it. Most cases appealed from superior courts go directly to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals has authority to reverse (overrule), remand (send back to the lower court), modify, or affirm the decision of the lower court. The court decides each case after reviewing the transcript of the record in the superior court and considering the arguments of the parties. Generally, the court hears oral arguments in each case but it does not take live testimony. Decisions of the Court of Appeals are appealed to the Supreme Court. The court is divided into three divisions, each of which serves a specific geographic area of the state: Division I is located in Seattle; Division II is located in Tacoma; and Division III is located in Spokane.

Agency Mission

The Court of Appeals, pursuant to Article IV, Section 30 of the Washington State Constitution and Chapter 2.06 RCW, is the state's non-discretionary appellate court with authority to reverse (overrule), remand (send back to lower court), modify, or affirm the decisions of the lower courts. The court's mission remains one of providing an independent, accessible, and responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
34,311,000	229,672	General Fund - Basic Account - State	31,509,221	34,081,328	38,190,000
		Non-Appropriated Funds			
		Savings Incentive Account - Non-Appropriated		151,688	

Capital Budget: Summary*

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
103,000		State Building Construction Account - State		103,000	262,000

*For detail projects, see 2017-19 Capital Plan.

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	1,321,634	4.4%	2,723,795	8.6%	3,956,984	11.6%

Employment Summary

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	133.6	132.6	141.3	139.9	141.3