



FY 2025-26 Budget Briefing Summary

Judicial Department – Courts and Probation

The Judicial Department includes the state court system, probation services, the public defender, and ten other independent agencies. This briefing addresses the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, state district courts (including the Denver probate and juvenile courts), and county courts (except Denver county court), as well as Probation. The Judicial Department's FY 2025-26 appropriation represents 2.4 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 5.2 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations. The courts and probation sections alone represent 1.7 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 3.1 percent of state General Fund appropriations.

Summary of Request

Items addressed in this briefing packet are shaded in blue.

Judicial Department

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2025-26 Appropriation						
SB 25-206 (Long Bill)	\$1,148,010,817	\$875,204,785	\$203,914,808	\$64,466,224	\$4,425,000	5,696.7
Other legislation	3,741,831	3,741,831	0	0	0	28.1
Total	\$1,151,752,648	\$878,946,616	\$203,914,808	\$64,466,224	\$4,425,000	5,724.8
FY 2026-27 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2025-26 Appropriation	\$1,151,752,648	\$878,946,616	\$203,914,808	\$64,466,224	\$4,425,000	5,724.8
C&P ITCap 1 Judicial case management system	3,200,000	0	3,200,000	0	0	0.0
C&P R1 Judicial officers	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R2 Trial courts and appellate court programs	1,340,845	-642,152	1,982,997	0	0	10.0
C&P R3 Probation programs	1,341,851	-1,409,000	2,750,851	0	0	12.5
C&P R4 General courts administration	723,724	723,724	0	0	0	4.0
C&P R5 Judicial personnel system maintenance study [info only]	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R6 Information technology infrastructure	6,753,750	0	6,753,750	0	0	0.0
C&P R7 Statewide judicial security plan	118,740	118,740	0	0	0	1.0
C&P R8 Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center	119,949	-1,340,712	1,406,654	54,007	0	0.0

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C&P R9 Courthouse furnishings and infrastructure maintenance	3,400,000	3,400,000	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R10 SB24-241 technical correction [requires legislation]	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R11 Increase cash fund revenue [requires legislation]	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R12 Language interpreters and translators	2,007,403	2,007,403	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R13 Court, jury, court-appointed counsel, and vacated conviction costs	1,310,756	1,310,756	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R14 Marijuana tax cash fund adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R15 Spending authority for Family Violence Justice Grants	150,000	0	150,000	0	0	0.0
C&P R16 Underfunded courthouse facility grants	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0	0	0.0
C&P R17 Office of Dispute Resolution line item	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C&P R18 True-up law library reappropriated funds	33,684	0	0	33,684	0	0.0
C&P R19 Pass-through requests	-1,894,269	314,184	-401,347	-1,807,106	0	0.0
C&P R20 Office of Atty Regulation Counsel pass-through	1,166,208	0	1,166,208	0	0	0.0
OSPD R1 Staff for Aurora domestic violence docket	1,186,852	1,186,852	0	0	0	11.8
OSPD R2 CBI DNA misconduct impact	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0.0
OSPD R3 IT true-up	955,317	955,317	0	0	0	0.0
ADC R1 Caseload increase	3,542,761	3,542,761	0	0	0	0.0
OCR R1 Reduce court-appointed counsel	-871,124	-871,124	0	0	0	0.0
ORPC R1 Reduce court-appointed counsel and mandated costs	-900,000	-900,000	0	0	0	0.0
IEC R1 Add 0.5 FTE for investigator	57,272	57,272	0	0	0	0.5
IEC R2 IT accessibility maintenance contract	12,000	12,000	0	0	0	0.0
OPG R1 Guardians for program expansion	190,144	190,144	0	0	0	2.0
OJDO R1 Reinstate funding for Judicial Discipline	328,647	328,647	0	0	0	2.0
Employee compensation common policies	45,084,624	45,331,701	-540,307	293,230	0	0.0
Operating common policies	1,226,504	2,820,993	-979,562	-614,927	0	0.0
Impacts driven by other agencies	336,772	343,042	-6,270	0	0	1.4
Technical adjustments	1,598,801	1,598,801	0	0	0	0.0
Prior year actions	22,927,594	18,009,673	6,307,423	-1,389,502	0	79.5
Total	\$1,250,701,453	\$958,035,638	\$227,205,205	\$61,035,610	\$4,425,000	5,849.5
Increase/-Decrease	\$98,948,805	\$79,089,022	\$23,290,397	-\$3,430,614	\$0	124.7
Percentage Change	8.6%	9.0%	11.4%	-5.3%	0.0%	2.2%

Changes are assumed to be ongoing unless otherwise noted.

C&P ITCap 1 Judicial case management system: The request includes the third year of one-time funding for IT capital costs for the Judicial Case Management System (CMS). Over the course of four years (FY 2024-25 through FY 2027-28), the Department seeks capital appropriations for this system totaling \$33.8 million, including \$11.0 million General Fund and \$22.8 million cash funds.¹ Of this amount, the General Assembly has already appropriated a \$15.3 million, including \$6.0 million General Fund. In FY 2025-26, the Department is hiring an advisory vendor to assist the Department in completing the discovery phase of the project and help create all procurement documents to post the appropriate RFP(s). Following development of the initial RFP(s), posting, and procurement, the Department expects to begin implementation later in FY 2026-27.

Year 1 (3rd year of capital appropriations): The Department requests \$3,200,000 cash funds from the Judicial IT Cash Fund.

Year 2 (final year of capital appropriations): The Department expects to request \$15,358,792, including \$5,000,000 General Fund and \$10,358,792 cash funds.

C&P R1 Judicial officers: The Judicial Department uses this request to emphasize its need for the second-year impact of the 2025 session judges bill, S.B. 25-024 (\$4.7 million General Fund, adding 37.5 FTE for the courts, as reflected under “Prior Year Actions”). It has not requested any other judicial officer resources.

Year 1: \$0

C&P R2 Trial courts and appellate court programs: The request includes a net total funds increase to add 10.0 FTE, including 8.0 trial court legal research attorneys and 2.0 Court of Appeals staff attorneys. It also proposes a temporary, 2 year refinance of General Fund with Judicial Stabilization Cash Funds.

Year 1: \$1.3 million total funds, including a reduction of \$0.6 million General Fund and an increase of \$2.0 million cash funds from the Judicial Stabilization Cash Fund, and 10.0 FTE.

Year 2: \$1.4 million total funds, including a reduction of \$0.7 million General Fund and an increase of \$2.1 million cash funds, and 10.0 FTE.

Year 3 and ongoing: \$1.4 million General Fund and 10.0 FTE.

C&P R3 Probation programs: The request includes a net total funds increase to add 12.5 FTE probation officers, based on a staffing model approved by the Colorado Supreme Court. It also proposes a temporary, 3 year refinance of General Fund with Offender Services Cash Funds.

Year 1: \$1.34 million total funds, including a reduction of \$1.41 million General Fund and an increase of \$2.75 million cash funds from the Offender Services Fund, and 12.5 FTE.

Years 2 & 3: \$1.36 million total funds, including a reduction of \$1.50 million General Fund and an increase of \$2.86 million cash funds, and 12.5 FTE.

Year 4: \$1.36 million General Fund and 12.5 FTE

C&P R4 General courts administration: The request is to add funding for 4.0 FTE, including 3.0 FTE to begin establishing a Judicial Risk Management Office, and 1.0 FTE to increase capacity to support the State’s probate courts.

¹ The new system also adds to the Department’s ongoing IT operating costs, primarily for annual subscription and hosting costs. The request indicates that in future years, annual operating costs associated with the new system are estimated to be approximately \$7.0 million cash funds per year.

Year 1: \$723,723 General Fund and 4.0 FTE

Year 2: \$594,669 General Fund and 4.0 FTE

C&P R5 Judicial personnel system maintenance study [info only]: Consistent with other State departments, the Judicial Department (Courts and Probation) submits its total compensation request through the annual pots templates developed by the Department of Personnel to calculate staff benefit and salary increases. Requests for funding specifically related to annual market studies for certain job classes or other special forms of compensation are submitted through a prioritized personnel system maintenance study decision item. The Department is not requesting additional funding for this purpose, but has included R5 in its official budget submission for informational purposes.

Year 1: \$0

C&P R6 Information technology infrastructure: The request is to align spending authority with actual IT infrastructure expenditures, including hardware replacement for personal computers, services, routers, switches, software and hardware maintenance and licenses, the voice and data network, efilings system, digital courts system, and case management system maintenance.

Year 1: The request includes an increase of \$6,753,750 cash funds from the Judicial Information Technology Cash Fund. This fund derives from Department-determined fees on electronic filings, network access and court database searches, and other information technology services.

Year 2: Increase of \$7,527,500 cash funds from the Judicial Information Technology Cash Fund.

C&P R7 Statewide judicial security plan: The request is to add 1.0 FTE, funded from the General Fund, for a security analyst to work with a taskforce and compile recommendations to address physical security for court and probation facilities and judicial officers and staff statewide.

Year 1: The request includes an increase of \$118,741 General Fund and 1.0 FTE.

Year 2: The total would annualize to \$121,783 General Fund ongoing

C&P R8 Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center: The request is for a “true-up” of appropriations in line items that support the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center, including the line items that fund building management and operations; appropriations to the Justice Center Maintenance Fund; Justice Center Maintenance Fund expenditures, and debt service payments for the Judicial Center Certificate of Participation. The proposed changes provide General Fund savings for FY 2026-27, based on use of reserves. General Fund savings continue in subsequent years at a lower level.

Years 1 and 2: The table summarizes the net impact of the proposed true-up in comparison to FY 2025-26 appropriations for courts and probation **only**. Once impacts in other departments that are located in the Judicial Center are included (includes Department of Law, Public Defender, and independent agencies), the statewide impact of the request is a reduction of \$1,302,595 General Fund for FY 2026-27 and a reduction of \$519,676 General Fund for FY 2027-28 and ongoing.

	FY 2026-27 Request	FY 2027-28
Total	\$119,950	\$3,381,827
FTE	0.0	0.0
General Fund	-1,340,712	-603,253
Cash Funds	1,406,654	1,780,076

	FY 2026-27 Request	FY 2027-28
Reappropriated Funds	54,007	2,205,005
Federal Funds	0	0

C&P R9 Courthouse furnishings and infrastructure maintenance: The Department requests additional funds in FY 2026-27, as well as an FY 2025-26 supplemental adjustment, for courthouse and probation office infrastructure projects. Under current practice, as informed by statute, the Department provides courthouse furnishings, including audiovisual equipment, for new and renovated courthouse facilities constructed by counties. The funding includes space for new judges and associated personnel added in S.B. 25-024 (Judicial Officers), as well as funding to address other new and remodeled county court facilities.

Current year: The request is for \$1.4 million General Fund.

Year 1: The request is for \$3.4 million General Fund.

Year 2 and ongoing: The request estimates an annual need for \$2.7 million General Fund.

C&P R10 SB24-241 technical correction [legislation]: The Department requests that the JBC sponsor legislation to make a technical correction S.B. 25-241 (Deposit Bond Forfeitures in Judicial Fund), which was sponsored by the JBC during the 2025 legislative session. This bill created a mechanism to ensure long-term solvency of the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund and sustainability of the Collections Investigator and Office of Restitution Services Programs. It requires that 75 percent of money collected from bond forfeiture judgements against an individual and 100 percent collected from a bail forfeiture judgement against a surety bond be deposited in the Judicial Collection Enhancement Fund. The bill included an incorrect statutory reference.

Year 1: \$0

C&P R11 Increase cash fund revenue [legislation]: The Department requests that the JBC revisit legislation it considered last year that would have provided the Department with limited authority to increase fees by an amount aligned with the TABOR revenue cap. The Department's FY 2026-27 request includes \$224.5 million cash funds from statutorily-created fees, costs, and surcharges. Many of the related statutory provisions have not changed in decades. Because most fee amounts are set in statute, the Department does not have authority to adjust them. If the Department is able to increase revenue from cash fund sources, it will be less reliant on General Fund to support the constitutionally and statutorily mandated work of Courts and Probation.

Year 1: \$0/Unspecified

C&P R12 Language interpreters and translators: The Department requests additional General Fund for interpreter and translation services. Federal law requires language services so that limited-English speaking individuals and people with disabilities that affect communication have meaningful access to court services. The Department reports ongoing significant increases in demand for interpreter and translation services.

Year 1: \$2.0 million General Fund

Year 2: \$2.4 million General Fund

Year 3: \$2.9 million General Fund

C&P R13 Court, jury, court-appointed counsel, and vacated conviction costs: The Department requests an increase for a line item that supports various costs mandated by federal and state law, including court-

appointed counsel, certain court and jury costs², and reimbursements for vacated convictions. The majority of the line item and related increases are for court-appointed counsel costs.

Year 1: \$1.3 million General Fund

C&P R14 Marijuana tax cash fund adjustments: The Department requests adjustments to appropriations from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund and the General Fund in two line items, resulting in a net \$0 impact department-wide. The goal is to include Marijuana Tax Cash Fund appropriations in a line item that funds offender treatment services.

Year 1: The request is for a net \$0 change.

C&P R15 Spending authority for Family Violence Justice Grants: The Department requests an increase in spending authority for a line item which provide grants to qualifying organizations providing civil legal services to indigent Colorado residents. The program supports legal services for people who are victims of family violence.

Year 1: The request is for \$150,000 cash funds from the Family Violence Justice Fund.

C&P R16 Underfunded courthouse facility grants: The Department requests an increase in spending authority from the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund in FY 2026-27 for program costs. This program awards grants to counties for master planning services, matching funds for construction or remodeling projects, and emergency facility needs for courthouses that contain a state court or probation office. The additional spending authority will add flexibility for the Department in paying out current and prior-year commitments.

Year 1: The request is for \$1.5 million cash funds from the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Cash Fund.

C&P R17 Office of Dispute Resolution line item: The Department requests creation of a new line item for the Office of Dispute Resolution. The appropriation for the new line item would be relocated from the Trial Courts Programs line item, resulting in a net \$0 fiscal impact.

Year 1: The request has a net \$0 fiscal impact. It relocates \$0.4 million General Fund from the Trial Courts line item to a new Office of Dispute Resolution line item.

C&P R18 True-up law library reappropriated funds: The Department requests a small increase in reappropriated funds spending authority to cover the balance of costs for a 1.0 FTE Legal Research Attorney FTE who provides staff support for the Law Library.

Year 1: The request adds \$33,684 reappropriated funds from the Department of Law.

C&P R19 Pass-through requests: The request includes annual agency funding adjustments for District Attorney Mandated Costs, the Correctional Treatment Board, and the Sex Offender Management Board.

Year 1: The request includes a net decrease of \$1.9 million, including an increase of \$0.3 million General Fund, a decrease of \$0.4 million cash funds, and a decrease of \$1.8 million reappropriated funds.

C&P R20 Office of Atty Regulation Counsel pass-through: The Department requests an adjustment to the informational funds amount identified in the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel line item of the Long Bill.

² Includes jury costs and expert witnesses and evaluations, primarily for sanity/competency and juvenile sex offender evaluations.

Funding from annual attorney registration fees and law examination application fees are continuously appropriated for attorney regulation under the Judicial Department's constitutional authority.

Year 1: The request adds \$1.2 million cash funds.

Employee compensation common policies: The request includes a net increase of \$45.1 million for employee compensation common policies department-wide, including a net increase of \$29.7 million for the courts and probation. A common policy refers to general policies applied consistently to all departments.

Employee compensation common policies – All Department

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Salary survey	\$17,860,095	\$16,874,602	\$917,526	\$67,967	\$0	0.0
Health, life, and dental	14,057,218	14,774,087	-927,648	210,779	0	0.0
Step plan	7,277,823	7,163,393	105,162	9,268	0	0.0
FY 26 HLD Base Reduction and HLD Adjustment	3,439,942	2,977,412	462,530	0	0	0.0
Unfunded liability amortization payments	2,337,003	3,374,277	-1,043,609	6,335	0	0.0
Paid family and medical leave insurance	105,416	152,092	-46,963	287	0	0.0
Short-term disability	7,127	15,838	-7,305	-1,406	0	0.0
Total	\$45,084,624	\$45,331,701	-\$540,307	\$293,230	\$0	0.0

Employee compensation common policies – Courts & Probation Only

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Salary survey	\$12,862,374	\$11,967,476	\$894,898	\$0	\$0	0.0
Health, life, and dental	10,549,330	11,398,269	-848,939	0	0	0.0
FY 26 HLD Base Reduction and HLD Adjustment	3,439,942	2,977,412	462,530	0	0	0.0
Step plan	1,524,012	1,421,936	102,076	0	0	0.0
Unfunded liability amortization payments	1,302,047	2,322,134	-1,020,087	0	0	0.0
Paid family and medical leave insurance	58,592	104,496	-45,904	0	0	0.0
Short-term disability	9,115	16,256	-7,141	0	0	0.0
Total	\$29,745,412	\$30,207,979	-\$462,567	\$0	\$0	0.0

Operating common policies: The request includes a net increase of \$1.2 million for operating common policies department-wide, including a net increase of \$157,528 for the courts and probation.

Operating common policies – All Department

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
State accounting system (CORE)	\$1,254,337	\$1,254,337	0	0	0	0.0
Workers' compensation	391,902	391,902	0	0	0	0.0
Legal services	186,533	186,533	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
PERA direct distribution	157,235	349,642	-227,021	34,614	0	0.0
Office of Information Technology services	152,790	152,790	0	0	0	0.0
Digital trunked radios	10,737	10,737	0	0	0	0.0
Departmental indirect cost adjustment	-752,541	649,541	-752,541	-649,541	0	0.0
Risk management & property	-163,270	-163,270	0	0	0	0.0

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Vehicle lease payments	-11,219	-11,219	0	0	0	0.0
Total	\$1,226,504	\$2,820,993	-\$979,562	-\$614,927	\$0	0.0

Operating common policies – Courts & Probation Only

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	FTE
State accounting system (CORE)	\$380,070	\$380,070	0	0	0.0
Legal services	335,932	335,932	0	0	0.0
Office of Information Technology services	316,614	316,614	0	0	0.0
Workers' compensation	292,019	292,019	0	0	0.0
Digital trunked radios	10,737	10,737	0	0	0.0
Departmental indirect cost adjustment	-749,500	649,541	-749,500	-649,541	0.0
PERA direct distribution	-289,974	-51,296	-238,678	0	0.0
Risk management & property	-121,658	-121,658	0	0	0.0
Vehicle lease payments	-16,712	-16,712	0	0	0.0
Total	\$157,528	\$1,795,247	-\$988,178	-\$649,541	0.0

Impacts driven by other agencies: The request includes a net increase of \$0.3 million for requests from other state agencies department-wide, including a net increase of \$0.2 million for the courts and probation. These are also called “non-prioritized requests.” The amount shown in the table below applies only to this department and does not necessarily reflect the total value of the request.

Impacts driven by other agencies – All Department

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
NP State accounting system (CORE) staff	\$161,899	\$161,899	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
NP IT accessibility	98,544	98,544	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.9
NP SB24-205 AI compliance	76,329	82,599	-6,270	0	0	0.5
Total	\$336,772	\$343,042	-\$6,270	\$0	\$0	1.4

Impacts driven by other agencies – Courts and Probation Only

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
NP State accounting system (CORE) staff	\$120,636	\$120,636	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
NP SB24-205 AI compliance	31,598	37,868	-6,270	0	0	0.0
Total	\$152,234	\$158,504	-\$6,270	\$0	\$0	0.0

Prior year actions: The request includes a net increase of \$22.9 million, including \$21.0 million, for the impact of prior year budget decisions and legislation department-wide. This amount includes \$12.0 million for Courts and Probation, shown in the table below.

Prior year actions – All Department

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
SB 25-024 Judicial Officers	6,751,339	6,751,339	\$0	\$0	\$0	60.0
FY 26 ITCAP1 CMS Year2	5,042,272	0	5,042,272	0	0	0.0
SB 23-227 State-funded attorney rate	4,682,455	4,679,059	0	3,396	0	0.0

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 25-26 Increased caseload and case costs supplemental	2,792,679	2,792,679	0	0	0	0.0
FY 25-26 Increased caseload and case costs add-on	2,534,914	2,534,914	0	0	0	0.0
FY26 BA1 Virtual Court	1,261,031	0	1,261,031	0	0	0.0
FY 26 R3 Aurora Muni DV Cases	1,232,285	1,181,965	50,320	0	0	12.5
HB 24-1355 Measures Reduce Comp Wait List	593,962	593,962	0	0	0	5.5
Bridges FY 25-26 Restore assessment services funding	288,099	288,099	0	0	0	0.0
HB 25-1275 Forensic Science Integrity	80,136	80,136	0	0	0	0.9
FY 26 R2 Budget Analyst	48,971	55,171	-6,200	0	0	1.0
FY 25-26 Support parent-advocates	7,102	0	0	7,102	0	0.0
SB23-064 Cont Off. of Public Guardianship Annualization	6,624	6,624	0	0	0	0.0
FY 25-26 Step plan & Salary survey	2	2	0	0	0	0.0
FY 25-26 ADC Case management/billing system development	-1,400,000	0	0	-1,400,000	0	0.0
HB 24-1133 Crim Record Sealing and Expunge Changes	-514,320	-514,320	0	0	0	0.0
FY 25-26 CBI DNA misconduct impact	-300,000	-300,000	0	0	0	0.0
HB 24-1046 Child welfare system tools	-116,463	-116,463	0	0	0	-0.5
FY 25-26 BA1 Leased space	-40,000	0	-40,000	0	0	0.0
HB 25-1062 Penalty for Theft of Firearms	-13,500	-13,500	0	0	0	0.0
FY 25-26 OPG staff	-9,994	-9,994	0	0	0	0.1
Total	\$22,927,594	\$18,009,673	\$6,307,423	-\$1,389,502	\$0	79.5

Prior year actions – Courts and Probation Only

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 26 ITCAP1 CMS Year2	\$5,042,272	\$0	\$5,042,272	\$0	\$0	0.0
SB 25-024 Judicial Officers	4,735,935	4,735,935	0	0	0	37.5
FY26 BA1 Virtual Court	1,261,031	0	1,261,031	0	0	0.0
FY 26 R3 Aurora Muni DV Cases*	1,232,285	1,181,965	50,320	0	0	12.5
HB 24-1355 Measures Reduce Comp Wait List	165,517	165,517	0	0	0	2.5
HB 25-1275 Forensic Science Integrity	80,136	80,136	0	0	0	0.9
FY 26 R2 Budget Analyst	48,971	55,171	-6,200	0	0	1.0
SB23-064 Cont Off. of Public Guardianship Annualization	6,624	6,624	0	0	0	0.0
FY 25-26 Step plan & salary survey	2	2	0	0	0	0.0
HB 24-1133 Crim Record Sealing and Expunge Changes	-514,320	-514,320	0	0	0	0.0
HB 25-1062 Penalty for Theft of Firearms	-13,500	-13,500	0	0	0	0.0
Total	\$12,044,953	\$5,697,530	\$6,347,423	\$0	\$0	54.4

*JBC Staff believes this item may be an error in the request

Issues Presented

This is a summary of the briefing issues presented to the Joint Budget Committee by their dedicated non-partisan staff.

Budget Reduction Options: The Judicial Budget Request includes refinance of \$3.5 million General Fund for the Courts and Probation divisions, representing 0.7 percent of the current General Fund appropriations in this section of the budget. This issue brief reviews these proposals and additional options identified by staff.

Request R1 and Annualization of SB 25-024: The Department's request R1 does not request additional funding for judges but instead highlights the need to fund the second year impact of S.B. 25-024 (Judicial Officers). The Department's caseload models indicate that, if the second-year impacts of S.B. 25-024 are included, the state district courts will be at 90.0 percent of optimal staffing on average and the county courts will be at 86.4 percent.

Request R11 and Judicial Department Fees: The Judicial Department budget relies, in part, on an array of complex fees. This issue brief discusses a proposal first addressed last year to allow the Department limited authority to increase fees that are set in statute.

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