



Office of Public Defense
2025-27 Regular Budget Session
Policy Level - 1F - SPAR Program

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Office of Public Defense (OPD) requests funding to maintain the Simple Possession Advocacy and Representation (SPAR) program, which was created pursuant to RCW 2.70.200 to help local jurisdictions provide public defense representation in newly authorized misdemeanor drug possession cases. The statute directs OPD to reimburse cities and counties under a certain population threshold for public defense expenses related to drug possession cases, or at the election of the jurisdiction, to contract directly with attorneys to represent indigent people charged in possession cases.

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	6.5	7.5	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	\$7,684	\$8,097	\$15,781	\$8,086	\$8,262	\$16,348
Total Expenditures	\$7,684	\$8,097	\$15,781	\$8,086	\$8,262	\$16,348

Decision Package Description

See attached PDF.

Assumptions and Calculations

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

See attached PDF.

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

See attached PDF.

Workforce Assumptions:

See attached PDF.

Historical Funding:

See attached PDF.

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

See attached PDF.

Performance Outcomes:

See attached PDF.

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

See attached PDF.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

See attached PDF.

Target Communities and Populations:

See attached PDF.

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

See attached PDF.

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

Not applicable.

Puget Sound Recovery:

Not applicable.

State Workforce Impacts:

See attached PDF.

Intergovernmental:

See attached PDF.

Stakeholder Impacts:

See attached PDF.

State Facilities Impacts:

See attached PDF.

Changes from Current Law:

See attached PDF.

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

See attached PDF.

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

Not applicable.

Reference Documents

[1F Simple Possession Advocacy and Representation Program - SB 5536.pdf](#)
[1F SPAR Program - FY 2024 SPAR Funding Map - Attachment A.pdf](#)
[1F SPAR Program - Program Update - Attachment D.pdf](#)
[1F SPAR Program - Simple Possession Charge Distribution C - Attachment B.pdf](#)
[1F SPAR Program - SPAR Flyer for R6 adn R7 - Attachment E.pdf](#)
[1F SPAR Program - SPAR RFQ Kennewick-Richland - Attachment F.pdf](#)
[1F SPAR Program - SPAR RFQ Vancouver - Attachment G.pdf](#)
[1F SPAR Program - SPAR Training Highlights - Attachment C.pdf](#)

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	\$753	\$885	\$1,638	\$885	\$1,013	\$1,898
Obj. B	\$248	\$285	\$533	\$285	\$322	\$607
Obj. C	\$6,565	\$6,820	\$13,385	\$6,820	\$6,820	\$13,640
Obj. E	\$76	\$76	\$152	\$76	\$76	\$152
Obj. G	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$10	\$10	\$20
Obj. J	\$22	\$11	\$33	\$0	\$11	\$11
Obj. N	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$10	\$10	\$20

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