Admin Office of the Courts

2027-29 Regular Budget Session

Policy Level - B1 - Preserve Early Intrvntion for Juven

Agency Recommendation Summary

An abrupt 71 percent cut to juvenile court budgets for early intervention services in the 2025-27 biennial budget has left courts unable to provide basic early intervention services for children on a path for the juvenile court system. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) requests a restoration of these funds - $10,000,000 in ongoing funding – to more fully provide statewide early intervention services. Washington State's approach to early intervention supports community-based truancy prevention, treatment of at-risk youth, and activities for children-in-need-of services These interventions keep youth engaged in school and connected to supportive services. By coordinating interventions among courts, schools, and juvenile service providers, juvenile courts can reduce the need for deeper juvenile justice involvement. This preventative program stops kids from falling further into the juvenile court system, reducing taxpayer funds required for more expensive rehabilitative services in future years. (General Fund - State)

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary *Dollars in Thousands*	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2028	2029	2027-29	2030	2031	2029-31
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 001 - 1	$5,000	$5,000	**$10,000**	$5,000	$5,000	**$10,000**
Total Expenditures	**$5,000**	**$5,000**	**$10,000**	**$5,000**	**$5,000**	**$10,000**

Decision Package Description

See attached.

Assumptions and Calculations

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

n/a

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

n/a

Workforce Assumptions:

n/a

Historical Funding:

n/a

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

n/a

Performance Outcomes:

n/a

Equity Impacts

Community Outreach and Engagement:

n/a

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

n/a

Target Communities and Populations:

n/a

Community Inputs and Incorporation:

n/a

Other Collateral Connections

HEAL Act Agencies Supplemental Questions

n/a

Puget Sound Recovery:

n/a

State Workforce Impacts:

n/a

Intergovernmental:

n/a

Stakeholder Impacts:

n/a

State Facilities Impacts:

n/a

Changes from Current Law:

n/a

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

n/a

Governor's Salmon Strategy:

n/a

Reference Documents

AOC PL-B1 Preserve Early Intervention for Juveniles 27-29 DP - FINAL.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 *Dollars in Thousands*	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2028	2029	2027-29	2030	2031	2029-31
Obj. N	$5,000	$5,000	**$10,000**	$5,000	$5,000	**$10,000**

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