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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2020 Total App	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Approp	FY 2022 Request	FY 2022 Gov Rec
BY PROGRAM					
Supreme Court	10,035,900	8,492,500	10,386,300	10,496,100	10,463,400
Court of Appeals	2,293,400	2,227,400	2,351,000	2,404,100	2,395,400
District Courts	31,738,400	29,905,700	32,547,200	33,444,400	33,380,700
Magistrate Division	19,602,100	19,184,100	20,407,800	21,141,700	21,115,100
Water Adjudication	865,200	860,600	933,600	954,300	950,100
Community-Based Substance Abuse	6,283,700	5,537,000	4,773,400	4,779,300	4,778,100
Senior Judges	1,181,900	944,500	1,181,900	1,193,700	1,181,900
Total:	72,000,600	67,151,800	72,581,200	74,413,600	74,264,700
BY FUND CATEGORY					
General	48,442,400	47,458,500	48,909,000	50,502,100	50,407,500
Dedicated	21,660,800	19,016,800	21,769,800	21,999,800	21,946,500
Federal	1,897,400	676,500	1,902,400	1,911,700	1,910,700
Total:	72,000,600	67,151,800	72,581,200	74,413,600	74,264,700
Percent Change:		(6.7%)	8.1%	2.5%	2.3%
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Personnel Costs	51,399,800	49,162,600	53,682,600	55,557,000	55,408,100
Operating Expenditures	10,958,600	11,935,200	11,061,200	11,019,200	11,019,200
Capital Outlay	3,640,000	732,500	3,348,300	3,348,300	3,348,300
Trustee/Benefit	6,002,200	5,321,500	4,489,100	4,489,100	4,489,100
Total:	72,000,600	67,151,800	72,581,200	74,413,600	74,264,700
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	362.00	362.00	371.00	375.00	375.00

Division Description

The Court Operations Division is composed of seven budgeted programs as follows:

SUPREME COURT: The Supreme Court hears appeals from final decisions of the district courts, as well as from orders of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Industrial Commission. The court also has original jurisdiction over actions involving challenges to legislative apportionment.

DISTRICT COURTS: These courts have original jurisdiction over all civil and criminal cases, and over appeals from the magistrate courts, state agencies, and county boards.

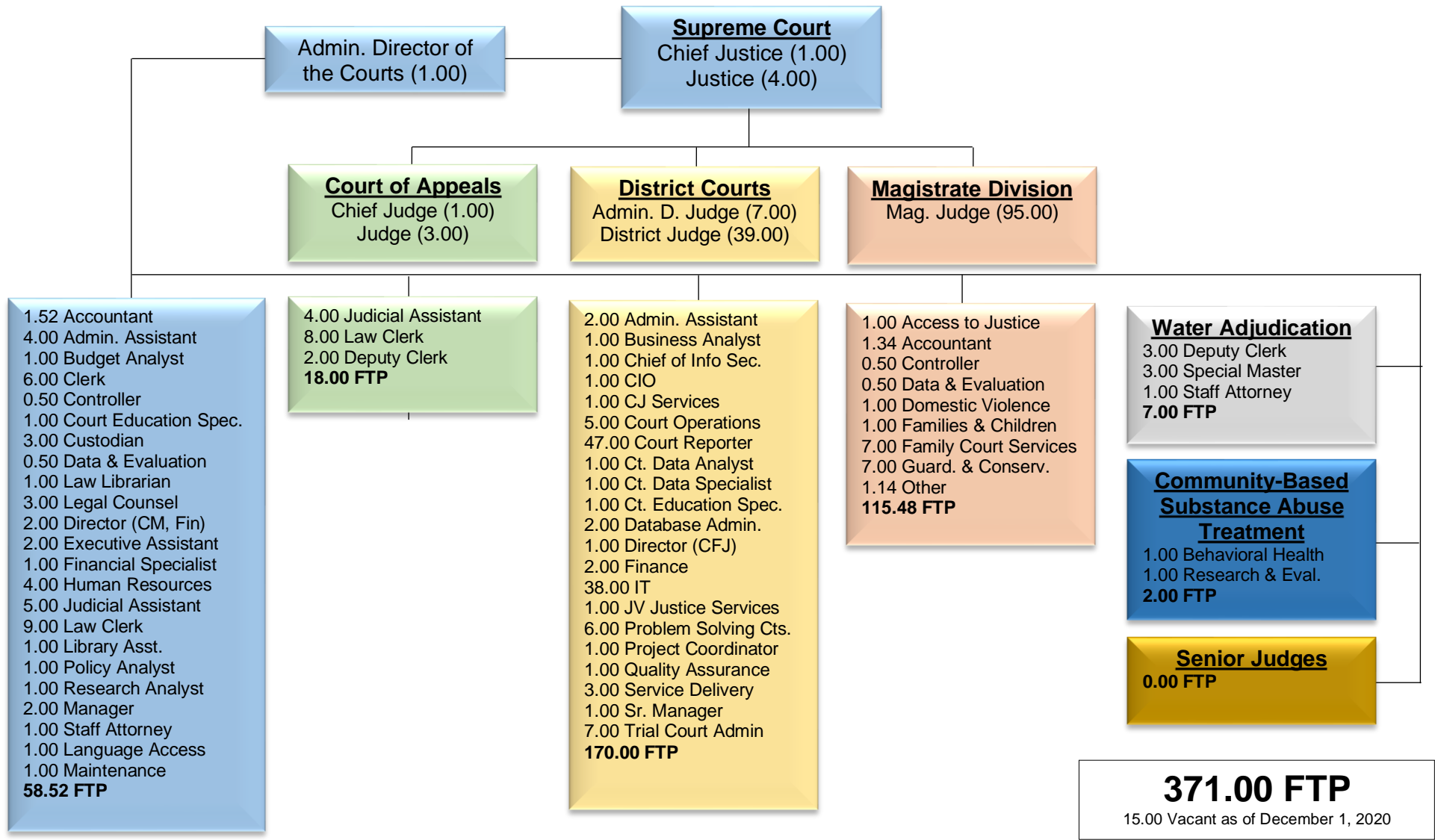
MAGISTRATE DIVISION: Magistrate courts have jurisdiction over cases involving domestic violence, domestic relations, probate, juvenile cases, civil cases under \$10,000, felony preliminary hearings, criminal misdemeanors, and infractions.

COURT OF APPEALS: This court is assigned cases from the Idaho Supreme Court. It has jurisdiction to hear and decide all cases assigned to it by the Supreme Court, except cases invoking the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction, appeals from the Industrial Commission, PUC, tax appeals, and death penalty cases.

WATER ADJUDICATION: This program manages the process established to inventory all surface and ground water rights in the Snake River Basin (SRBA), the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin (CSRBA), and the Palouse River Basin (PRBA).

COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT: Through this program, funds are appropriated for distribution to problem-solving courts statewide.

SENIOR JUDGES: This program accounts for senior judge days separate from the agency's other activities.



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FY 2020 Actual Expenditures by Division

		FTP	PC	OE	CO	T/B	LS	Total
0.30 FY 2020 Original Appropriation								
0001-00	Gen	279.80	43,536,900	2,701,300	0	2,786,700	0	49,024,900
0182-00	Ded	2.00	216,300	291,200	0	3,215,500	0	3,723,000
0314-00	Ded	53.00	5,157,800	2,058,200	3,640,000	0	0	10,856,000
0340-00	Ded	21.84	2,284,400	3,605,300	0	0	0	5,889,700
0341-00	Ded	2.66	301,100	78,300	0	0	0	379,400
0347-00	Ded	0.00	0	510,000	0	0	0	510,000
0349-00	Ded	0.00	0	318,500	0	0	0	318,500
0348-00	Fed	2.70	355,400	1,542,800	0	0	0	1,898,200
Totals:		362.00	51,851,900	11,105,600	3,640,000	6,002,200	0	72,599,700
0.44 Rescissions								
0001-00	Gen	0.00	(79,200)	0	0	0	0	(79,200)
0182-00	Ded	0.00	(400)	0	0	0	0	(400)
0314-00	Ded	0.00	(10,200)	0	0	0	0	(10,200)
0340-00	Ded	0.00	(4,600)	0	0	0	0	(4,600)
0341-00	Ded	0.00	(600)	0	0	0	0	(600)
0348-00	Fed	0.00	(800)	0	0	0	0	(800)
Totals:		0.00	(95,800)	0	0	0	0	(95,800)
0.45 Omnibus Decisions								
0001-00	Gen	0.00	(356,300)	(147,000)	0	0	0	(503,300)
Totals:		0.00	(356,300)	(147,000)	0	0	0	(503,300)
1.00 FY 2020 Total Appropriation								
0001-00	Gen	279.80	43,101,400	2,554,300	0	2,786,700	0	48,442,400
0182-00	Ded	2.00	215,900	291,200	0	3,215,500	0	3,722,600
0314-00	Ded	53.00	5,147,600	2,058,200	3,640,000	0	0	10,845,800
0340-00	Ded	21.84	2,279,800	3,605,300	0	0	0	5,885,100
0341-00	Ded	2.66	300,500	78,300	0	0	0	378,800
0347-00	Ded	0.00	0	510,000	0	0	0	510,000
0349-00	Ded	0.00	0	318,500	0	0	0	318,500
0348-00	Fed	2.70	354,600	1,542,800	0	0	0	1,897,400
Totals:		362.00	51,399,800	10,958,600	3,640,000	6,002,200	0	72,000,600
1.21 Net Object Transfer								
0001-00	Gen	0.00	(776,600)	473,700	359,300	(56,400)	0	0
0314-00	Ded	0.00	(507,000)	2,907,000	(2,400,000)	0	0	0
0340-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0341-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0347-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0349-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0348-00	Fed	0.00	19,600	(19,600)	0	0	0	0
Totals:		0.00	(1,264,000)	3,361,100	(2,040,700)	(56,400)	0	0

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		FTP	PC	OE	CO	T/B	LS	Total
1.31 Net Transfer Between Programs								
0001-00	Gen	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0314-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0340-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0341-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0347-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0349-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0348-00	Fed	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.61 Reverted Appropriation								
0001-00	Gen	0.00	(692,700)	(65,400)	(214,900)	(10,900)	0	(983,900)
0182-00	Ded	0.00	(28,700)	(94,900)	0	(613,400)	0	(737,000)
0314-00	Ded	0.00	(100)	(191,700)	(651,900)	0	0	(843,700)
0340-00	Ded	0.00	(160,300)	(521,400)	0	0	0	(681,700)
0341-00	Ded	0.00	(36,700)	(40,600)	0	0	0	(77,300)
0347-00	Ded	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
0349-00	Ded	0.00	0	(304,300)	0	0	0	(304,300)
0348-00	Fed	0.00	(54,700)	(1,166,200)	0	0	0	(1,220,900)
Totals:		0.00	(973,200)	(2,384,500)	(866,800)	(624,300)	0	(4,848,800)
2.00 FY 2020 Actual Expenditures								
0001-00	Gen	279.80	41,632,100	2,962,600	144,400	2,719,400	0	47,458,500
General			41,632,100	2,962,600	144,400	2,719,400	0	47,458,500
0182-00	Ded	2.00	187,200	196,300	0	2,602,100	0	2,985,600
Substance Abuse Treatment			187,200	196,300	0	2,602,100	0	2,985,600
0314-00	Ded	53.00	4,640,500	4,773,500	588,100	0	0	10,002,100
Court Technology			4,640,500	4,773,500	588,100	0	0	10,002,100
0340-00	Ded	21.84	2,119,500	3,083,900	0	0	0	5,203,400
Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Family Court Services			2,119,500	3,083,900	0	0	0	5,203,400
0341-00	Ded	2.66	263,800	37,700	0	0	0	301,500
Guardianship Pilot Project			263,800	37,700	0	0	0	301,500
0347-00	Ded	0.00	0	510,000	0	0	0	510,000
Senior Magistrate Judges			0	510,000	0	0	0	510,000
0349-00	Ded	0.00	0	14,200	0	0	0	14,200
Miscellaneous Revenue			0	14,200	0	0	0	14,200
0348-00	Fed	2.70	319,500	357,000	0	0	0	676,500
Federal Grant			319,500	357,000	0	0	0	676,500
Totals:		362.00	49,162,600	11,935,200	732,500	5,321,500	0	67,151,800

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FY 2020 Actual Expenditures by Division

		FTP	PC	OE	CO	T/B	LS	Total
Difference: Actual Expenditures minus Total Appropriation								
0001-00	Gen	(1,469,300)		408,300	144,400	(67,300)	0	(983,900)
	General	(3.4%)		16.0%	N/A	(2.4%)	N/A	(2.0%)
0182-00	Ded	(28,700)		(94,900)	0	(613,400)	0	(737,000)
	Substance Abuse Treatment	(13.3%)		(32.6%)	N/A	(19.1%)	N/A	(19.8%)
0314-00	Ded	(507,100)		2,715,300	(3,051,900)	0	0	(843,700)
	Court Technology	(9.9%)		131.9%	(83.8%)	N/A	N/A	(7.8%)
0340-00	Ded	(160,300)		(521,400)	0	0	0	(681,700)
	Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Family Court Services	(7.0%)		(14.5%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	(11.6%)
0341-00	Ded	(36,700)		(40,600)	0	0	0	(77,300)
	Guardianship Pilot Project	(12.2%)		(51.9%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	(20.4%)
0347-00	Ded	0		0	0	0	0	0
	Senior Magistrate Judges	N/A		0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%
0349-00	Ded	0		(304,300)	0	0	0	(304,300)
	Miscellaneous Revenue	N/A		(95.5%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	(95.5%)
0348-00	Fed	(35,100)		(1,185,800)	0	0	0	(1,220,900)
	Federal Grant	(9.9%)		(76.9%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	(64.3%)
Difference From Total Approp		(2,237,200)		976,600	(2,907,500)	(680,700)	0	(4,848,800)
Percent Diff From Total Approp		(4.4%)		8.9%	(79.9%)	(11.3%)	N/A	(6.7%)

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Comparative Summary

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Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2021 Original Appropriation	371.00	48,909,000	72,581,200	371.00	48,909,000	72,581,200
Executive Holdback	0.00	(550,000)	(550,000)	0.00	(550,000)	(550,000)
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
FY 2021 Estimated Expenditures	371.00	48,359,000	72,031,200	371.00	48,359,000	72,031,200
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	(12,500)	(12,500)	0.00	(12,500)	(12,500)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
Restore Rescissions	0.00	550,000	550,000	0.00	550,000	550,000
FY 2022 Base	371.00	48,896,500	72,568,700	371.00	48,896,500	72,568,700
Benefit Costs	0.00	538,800	700,300	0.00	66,400	97,200
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	(62,800)	(62,800)	0.00	(62,800)	(62,800)
Annualizations	0.00	177,100	177,100	0.00	176,300	176,300
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	128,700	206,500	0.00	231,300	385,500
FY 2022 Program Maintenance	371.00	49,678,300	73,589,800	371.00	49,307,700	73,164,900
1. District 3 Judges & Court Reporter	4.00	545,400	545,400	4.00	544,300	544,300
2. Judicial CEC	0.00	278,400	278,400	0.00	555,500	555,500
FY 2022 Total	375.00	50,502,100	74,413,600	375.00	50,407,500	74,264,700
Change from Original Appropriation	4.00	1,593,100	1,832,400	4.00	1,498,500	1,683,500
% Change from Original Appropriation		3.3%	2.5%		3.1%	2.3%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2021 Original Appropriation					
The Legislature funded eight line items for FY 2021: These included 2.00 FTP and \$264,400 for District 1 magistrate judges; 1.00 FTP and \$95,800 for a floating court reporter (Districts 3 and 4); \$544,900 for judicial pay; \$34,000 for ADA consulting; \$20,800 for occupancy costs at the Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center; \$35,000 for juror compensation; a reduction of \$600,000 for Medicaid expansion; and 2.00 FTP and \$265,800 for a district court judge and court reporter in District 1.					
	371.00	48,909,000	21,769,800	1,902,400	72,581,200

Executive Holdback

This adjustment reflects a 5% temporary reduction in General Fund spending authority (holdback) for FY 2021 issued through Executive Order No. 2020-14, with which the Supreme Court voluntarily participated. This reduction is restored as a base adjustment in FY 2022, below.

Agency Request	0.00	(550,000)	0	0	(550,000)
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	0.00	(550,000)	0	0	(550,000)

Noncognizable Funds and Transfers

In order to align the appropriation with anticipated expenditures, current year expenditure adjustments include, first, the shift of 0.14 FTP from the Guardianship Pilot Project Fund in the Magistrate Division to the Federal Grant Fund in the Supreme Court Program; and, second, the transfer of \$1,700 in operating expenditures to personnel costs in the Court of Appeals Program.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>Recommended by the Governor.</i>					
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	0.00	0	0	0	0

FY 2021 Estimated Expenditures					
Agency Request	371.00	48,359,000	21,769,800	1,902,400	72,031,200
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	371.00	48,359,000	21,769,800	1,902,400	72,031,200

Removal of Onetime Expenditures

This decision unit removes onetime amounts appropriated as line items in FY 2021 as follows: \$2,500 (floating court reporter); \$5,000 (magistrate judges); and \$5,000 (district judge and court reporter).

Agency Request	0.00	(12,500)	0	0	(12,500)
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	0.00	(12,500)	0	0	(12,500)

Base Adjustments

The current year adjustments, above, are restored and then requested as ongoing base adjustments for FY 2022.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>Recommended by the Governor.</i>					
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	0.00	0	0	0	0

Restore Rescissions

This adjustment restores the 5% General Fund holdback removed as a current year expenditure adjustment, above.

Agency Request	0.00	550,000	0	0	550,000
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	0.00	550,000	0	0	550,000

FY 2022 Base					
Agency Request	371.00	48,896,500	21,769,800	1,902,400	72,568,700
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	371.00	48,896,500	21,769,800	1,902,400	72,568,700

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Benefit Costs					
Employer-paid benefit changes include an 11% increase (or \$1,280 per eligible FTP) for health insurance, bringing the total appropriation to \$12,930 per FTP. Also included is a restoration of the unemployment insurance rate, a partial restoration of the unused sick leave rate, and adjustments to workers' compensation that vary by agency.					
Agency Request	0.00	538,800	155,700	5,800	700,300
<i>The Governor recommends no increase for health insurance due to fewer claims than expected and a one-year holiday for employers who contribute to the PERSI-managed sick leave plan.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	66,400	29,400	1,400	97,200
Statewide Cost Allocation					
This request includes adjustments to recover the cost of services provided by other agencies in accordance with federal and state guidelines on cost allocation. Risk management costs will decrease by \$66,800, State Controller fees will increase by \$4,700, and State Treasurer fees will decrease by \$700, for a net reduction of \$62,800.					
Agency Request	0.00	(62,800)	0	0	(62,800)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(62,800)	0	0	(62,800)
Annualizations					
The Supreme Court requests \$170,900 in ongoing personnel costs and \$6,200 in ongoing operating expenditures from the General Fund to annualize the partial funding provided for the new district judge and court reporter in the First Judicial District (Bonner County), as well as the two new magistrate judges in the First Judicial District (Kootenai County), in FY 2021. Only nine months' funding was provided for FY 2021 because employment did not begin until October 1, 2020, the beginning of the county fiscal year. This adjustment provides the additional appropriation necessary to fund the entire annualized amount.					
Agency Request	0.00	177,100	0	0	177,100
<i>Pursuant to Section 67-3506, Idaho Code, the Governor is required to transmit the budget requests of the legislative and judicial departments to the Legislature as they were submitted by the departments. This request is recommended by the Governor with changes for benefits and compensation.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	176,300	0	0	176,300
Change in Employee Compensation					
For calculation purposes, agencies were directed to include the cost of a 1% salary increase for permanent and temporary employees.					
Agency Request	0.00	128,700	74,300	3,500	206,500
<i>The Governor recommends a 2% increase in employee compensation, distributed on merit. He does not recommend a compensation increase for group and temporary positions.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	231,300	147,300	6,900	385,500
FY 2022 Program Maintenance					
Agency Request	371.00	49,678,300	21,999,800	1,911,700	73,589,800
Governor's Recommendation	371.00	49,307,700	21,946,500	1,910,700	73,164,900

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
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1. District 3 Judges & Court Reporter

District Courts, Magistrate Division

The Supreme Court requests 4.00 FTP and \$545,400 from the General Fund to hire two new magistrate judges, one district judge, and one court reporter for the Third Judicial District (Canyon County) to address increasing filings and caseloads caused by population growth in the Treasure Valley. Of the total amount requested, \$516,600 is in ongoing personnel costs for salary and benefits; \$18,800 is in ongoing operating expenditures for travel; and \$10,000 is in onetime operating expenditures for computer equipment.

Currently, there are 97 magistrate judges statewide, of which nine are chambered in Canyon County and 15 are chambered in the Third Judicial District. Also, there are currently 47 district judges statewide (including administrative district judges). Of the 47 district judges, six are chambered in the Third Judicial District and five in Canyon County. Lastly, the Supreme Court has an appropriation for 48 court reporters, one for each district judge and one that floats between the Third and Fourth Judicial Districts. The last enhancement for judges in the Third Judicial District occurred in FY 2014, when the Supreme Court received an appropriation for one district judge and court reporter in Canyon County.

According to the court, case filings in the Third Judicial District exceed statewide averages in both district and magistrate courts. For example, district court filings in the Third Judicial District exceeded the annual statewide average of 323 by 15.5% in FY 2020. While the number of total case filings statewide fluctuate, according to the Supreme Court, demands on judicial resources have also increased because caseloads have become increasingly complex and felony case numbers have increased. Coupled with other challenges, such as a significant increase in self-represented litigants, non-English language access needs, and an increase in the number of problem-solving courts, shifting demographics related to the expansion of Idaho's population have further strained judicial resources. This line item would fund each of these positions for nine months, to be hired on October 1, 2021, which corresponds with the respective county fiscal year. The request would need to be annualized as a maintenance adjustment in FY 2023. Separate legislation will be required to authorize a district judge in Canyon County.

Agency Request	4.00	545,400	0	0	545,400
<i>Pursuant to Section 67-3506, Idaho Code, the Governor is required to transmit the budget requests of the legislative and judicial departments to the Legislature as they were submitted by the departments. This request is recommended by the Governor with changes for benefits and compensation.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	4.00	544,300	0	0	544,300

2. Judicial CEC

Supreme Ct., Ct. of Appeals, District Cts., Mag Division

Commensurate with all other state employees, a 1% CEC for judicial salaries is included in the request for calculation purposes only. For judicial salaries, the Supreme Court requests a CEC percentage equal to that recommended for all other state employees. Separate legislation will be required.

Agency Request	0.00	278,400	0	0	278,400
<i>Commensurate with other state employees, the Governor has included a 2% increase for judicial salaries.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	555,500	0	0	555,500

FY 2022 Total					
Agency Request	375.00	50,502,100	21,999,800	1,911,700	74,413,600
Governor's Recommendation	375.00	50,407,500	21,946,500	1,910,700	74,264,700

Agency Request					
Change from Original App	4.00	1,593,100	230,000	9,300	1,832,400
% Change from Original App	1.1%	3.3%	1.1%	0.5%	2.5%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	4.00	1,498,500	176,700	8,300	1,683,500
% Change from Original App	1.1%	3.1%	0.8%	0.4%	2.3%