

SUPREME COURT

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY03 Adjusted Base	FY04 Recommended	% Change Over FY03	FY05 Recommended	% Change Over FY04
GPR	11,099,400	11,814,100	6.4	11,814,100	0.0
PR-F	403,200	400,600	-0.6	400,600	0.0
PR-O	11,593,900	11,677,700	0.7	11,671,900	0.0
PR-S	182,400	200,200	9.8	200,200	0.0
SEG-O	709,100	714,900	0.8	714,900	0.0
TOTAL	23,988,000	24,807,500	3.4	24,801,700	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY03 Adjusted Base	FY04 Recommended	FTE Change From FY03	FY05 Recommended	FTE Change From FY04
GPR	111.50	111.50	0.00	111.50	0.00
PR-F	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
PR-O	90.50	90.50	0.00	90.50	0.00
PR-S	2.50	2.50	0.00	2.50	0.00
SEG-O	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
TOTAL	210.50	210.50	0.00	210.50	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, consisting of seven justices elected to ten-year terms, has original jurisdiction in certain cases of statewide concern and, since August 1978, discretionary appellate jurisdiction on all other issues arising under Wisconsin law. The court considers petitions to review decisions of the Court of Appeals, petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals and certifications from that court. It is the highest tribunal for actions commenced in state courts, except where a federal question allowing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is raised. It is the final authority on the state constitution.

The constitution provides that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has the superintending and administrative authority over all courts in the state. The chief justice is the administrative head of the state judicial system and exercises this authority both directly and through the director of state courts pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Budget Efficiency Measures
2. Filing Fee Increase
3. Interpreters Certification, Education and Training Program
4. Standard Budget Adjustments

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

5. Adjust CCAP Base to FY03 Levels

Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY02	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$10,226.6	\$11,099.4	\$11,932.8	\$11,920.0	\$11,814.1	\$11,814.1
State Operations	10,226.6	11,099.4	11,932.8	11,920.0	11,814.1	11,814.1
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	302.7	403.2	400.6	400.6	400.6	400.6
State Operations	302.7	403.2	400.6	400.6	400.6	400.6
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	13,310.2	11,776.3	13,017.0	13,011.2	11,877.9	11,872.1
State Operations	13,310.2	11,776.3	13,017.0	13,011.2	11,877.9	11,872.1
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	332.0	709.1	714.9	714.9	714.9	714.9
State Operations	332.0	709.1	714.9	714.9	714.9	714.9
TOTALS-ANNUAL	24,171.5	23,988.0	26,065.3	26,046.7	24,807.5	24,801.7
State Operations	24,171.5	23,988.0	26,065.3	26,046.7	24,807.5	24,801.7

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	111.50	112.50	112.50	111.50	111.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	93.00	93.00	93.00	93.00	93.00
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	210.50	211.50	211.50	210.50	210.50

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY02	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
1. Supreme court proceedings	\$3,800.5	\$4,085.6	\$4,270.5	\$4,270.5	\$4,270.5	\$4,270.5
2. Director of state courts	15,627.2	15,130.8	16,570.0	16,551.4	15,312.2	15,306.4
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	2,611.8	2,347.4	2,634.2	2,634.2	2,634.2	2,634.2
4. Law library	2,132.0	2,424.2	2,590.6	2,590.6	2,590.6	2,590.6
TOTALS	24,171.5	23,988.0	26,065.3	26,046.7	24,807.5	24,801.7

Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts	122.25	123.25	123.25	122.25	122.25
3. Bar examiners and responsibility	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
4. Law library	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25
TOTALS	210.50	211.50	211.50	210.50	210.50

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

1. Budget Efficiency Measures

The Governor recommends reducing expenditure authority in the court's state operations appropriations through a \$500,000 GPR lapse in each year to create additional operational efficiencies and balance the budget.

2. Filing Fee Increase

The Governor recommends increasing the court's filing fee by 30 percent to fund increased operating costs. The fee increase will increase revenue by \$17,300 GPR-E in FY04 and \$20,900 GPR-E in FY05.

3. Interpreters Certification, Education and Training Program

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY04		FY05		FY04		FY05	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	118,700	1.00	105,900	1.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
PR-O	23,400	0.00	17,600	0.00	23,400	0.00	17,600	0.00
TOTAL	142,100	1.00	123,500	1.00	23,400	0.00	17,600	0.00

The Governor recommends implementing a \$125 interpreter orientation workshop fee and a \$200 fee for interpreter certification exams and advanced language training, to partially support the costs of the interpreter certification, education and training program.

4. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY04		FY05		FY04		FY05	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	714,700	0.00	714,700	0.00	714,700	0.00	714,700	0.00
PR-F	-2,600	0.00	-2,600	0.00	-2,600	0.00	-2,600	0.00
PR-O	60,400	0.00	60,400	0.00	60,400	0.00	60,400	0.00
PR-S	17,800	0.00	17,800	0.00	17,800	0.00	17,800	0.00
SEG-O	5,800	0.00	5,800	0.00	5,800	0.00	5,800	0.00
TOTAL	796,100	0.00	796,100	0.00	796,100	0.00	796,100	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-\$627,600 in each year); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,387,200 in each year); and (c) fifth week of vacation as cash (\$36,500 in each year).

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Supreme Court.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY04		FY05	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
5. Adjust CCAP Base to FY03 Levels	PR-O	1,139,100	0.00	1,139,100	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	PR-O	1,139,100	0.00	1,139,100	0.00