

## Judicial Branch

### PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Agency Request*
General Fund	\$0	\$5,914,734	\$5,854,598	\$182,776,408
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	0	0	143,000	1,147,263
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$0	\$5,914,734	\$5,997,598	\$183,923,671
Positions	0	41	41	65
Full-time Equivalent	0.00	34.80	34.80	62.02

\*Governor's balanced budget for the Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC) is \$133,662,716 General Fund. Both the Governor's balanced budget and agency requested budget assume Indigent Defense transfers into PDSC from the Oregon Judicial Department on July 1, 2003.

### Overview

The Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC) was created in 2001 from the former Public Defender as the first step to merge trial and appellate indigent defense services. Previously, the Public Defender provided only appellate level indigent defense services. On October 1, 2003, the Oregon Judicial Department will transfer the Indigent Defense Services Division (IDSD), which provides trial level defense services, to the PDSC. The Oregon Judicial Department will propose legislation to make the transfer effective July 1, 2003.

### Agency Request

The requested budget is \$183.9 million total funds. The budget includes \$182.8 million General Fund, reflecting the transfer of IDSD to PDSC as well as several policy packages. It restores all reductions made through the 2002 Fifth Special Session. When rolled up over the entire biennium, these reductions total \$35.9 million General Fund, of which \$34.9 million is for IDSD. The budget increases compensation for attorneys within PDSC to become comparable to their counterparts within the Department of Justice. The agency request also includes \$10.5 million General Fund for increased compensation of IDSD contract attorneys. The request also includes an increase of \$224,000 General Fund to allow the merger of the two agencies into a single office space.

### Revenue

The agency is funded primarily with General Fund. The Other Funds come from the Application and Contribution program, which is comprised of application fees and contributions for services from people who can afford to contribute some of the cost of defense services.