

## Budget Brief – Courts Contracts and Leases

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### SUMMARY

The Courts operate 48 facilities throughout the State—of which 17 facilities are state owned and 31 are leased. Expenses under contracts and leases include:

- Rent/lease payments
- Janitorial services
- Utility costs
- Perimeter/building security
- County contract Sites

### ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

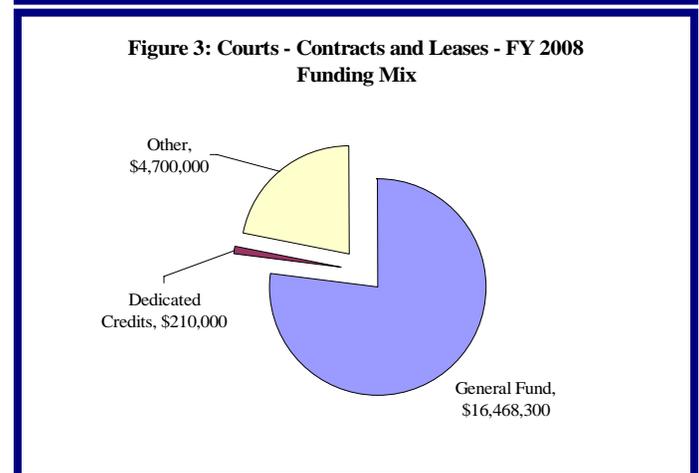
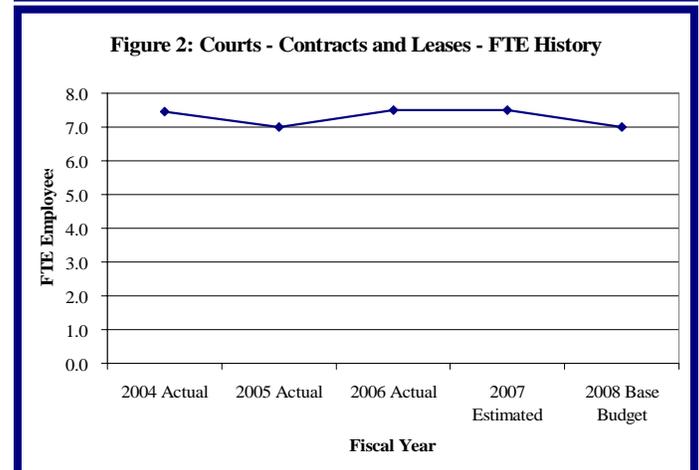
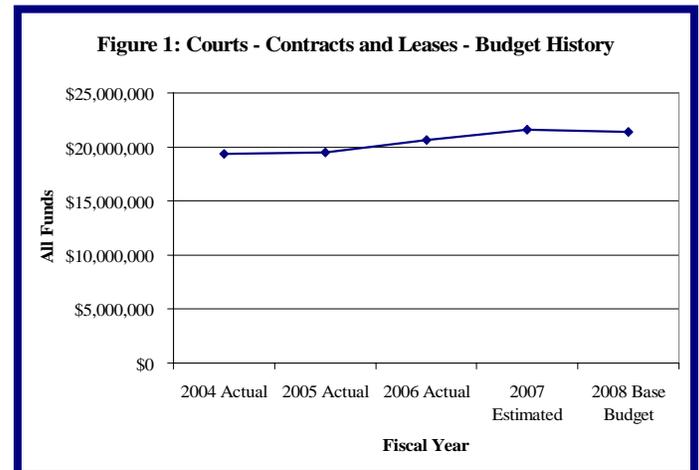
The Contracts and Leases line item provides funding to ensure safe, secure court facilities throughout the state. In some cases, the Courts have coordinated with local communities to effectively manage and utilize court space while controlling costs.

The Courts have requested \$368,900 (328,900 in ongoing GF and \$40,000 in additional Dedicated Credit) for utility increases in non-DFCM buildings, Security O & M increases, and lease increases with Spanish Fork and Sanpete County. During the 2004 General Session, the Legislature shifted \$300,000 in restricted funds to General Funds. The Courts are also requesting a similar shift of \$300,000 from restricted funds to General Fund. The Analyst recommends the Legislature fund the contract and lease increases of \$368,900 but not the \$300,000 funding shift from Restricted funds to General Fund.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

Level of success is measured by how well cases are processed through the judiciary, which is made possible in part by the physical organization of courthouses and how well courthouses meet the construction guidelines and standards of the Judicial Council. Another measure of success is by how well facilities are maintained and operated; i.e., how well they meet state O&M guidelines for operations of courthouses and judicial offices. The ultimate goal is to continue to provide facilities for safe and efficient court operations that allow judges to do their jobs.

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst conducted a study of the Courts' Leases during the Interim and found that the Courts' leasing costs increased 1.1 percent while DFCM lease costs for the same time period increased 2.7 percent.



**BUDGET DETAIL**

Seventy-seven percent of the Contracts and Leases budget is General Fund. The remaining funds are primarily General Fund Restricted from the State Court Complex Account.

***Intent Language***

The Analyst recommends the continuation of the following Legislative intent language: *It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds for the Court Contracts and Leases line item shall not lapse.*

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

1. The Analyst recommends consideration of an FY 2008 base budget for Court Contracts and Leases of \$21,378,300.
2. The Analyst recommends consideration of \$328,900 in ongoing GF and \$40,000 in Dedicated credit for lease, security, and utility increases.
3. Consider non-lapsing intent language for the line-item as discussed on page 2.

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLE**

<b>Courts - Contracts and Leases</b>						
<b>Sources of Finance</b>	<b>FY 2006 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2007 Appropriated</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>FY 2007 Revised</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>FY 2008* Base Budget</b>
General Fund	15,970,800	16,468,300	0	16,468,300	0	16,468,300
General Fund, One-time	0	89,300	0	89,300	(89,300)	0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	273,000	210,000	0	210,000	0	210,000
GFR - State Court Complex	4,700,000	4,700,000	0	4,700,000	0	4,700,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	198,300	0	159,400	159,400	(159,400)	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(159,400)	0	0	0	0	0
Lapsing Balance	(300,000)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,682,700</b>	<b>\$21,467,600</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$21,627,000</b>	<b>(\$248,700)</b>	<b>\$21,378,300</b>
<b>Programs</b>						
Contracts and Leases	20,682,700	21,467,600	159,400	21,627,000	(248,700)	21,378,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,682,700</b>	<b>\$21,467,600</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$21,627,000</b>	<b>(\$248,700)</b>	<b>\$21,378,300</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Personal Services	268,900	333,300	(3,500)	329,800	3,500	333,300
In-State Travel	14,500	3,400	0	3,400	0	3,400
Out of State Travel	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Current Expense	19,541,000	20,796,900	34,000	20,830,900	(123,300)	20,707,600
DP Current Expense	16,500	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	89,100	30,500	(30,500)	0	30,500	30,500
Other Charges/Pass Thru	752,700	302,500	159,400	461,900	(159,400)	302,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,682,700</b>	<b>\$21,467,600</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$21,627,000</b>	<b>(\$248,700)</b>	<b>\$21,378,300</b>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Budgeted FTE	7.5	7.0	0.5	7.5	(0.5)	7.0

\*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.