



Utah State Courts

Presentation to Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee

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Overview

- Mission and Role of the Judiciary
- Governance Structure
- Performance Measures
- Budget Priorities (5)
- Fiscal Analyst Recommendations

Mission and Role

The Mission of the judiciary is to provide a system of open, fair, efficient and independent access to justice under the law.

- Interpret and adjudicate the laws of the state
- Resolve legal disputes

Court Governance

- Judicial Council
- Boards of Judges
- Presiding Judges
- Trial Court Executives
- Clerks of Court

Judicial Council

The governing body for the courts

Performance Measures

Time to Disposition of Cases

Access to Fairness in the Courts

Effective Use of Jurors

Clearance Rates

Age of Active Pending Cases

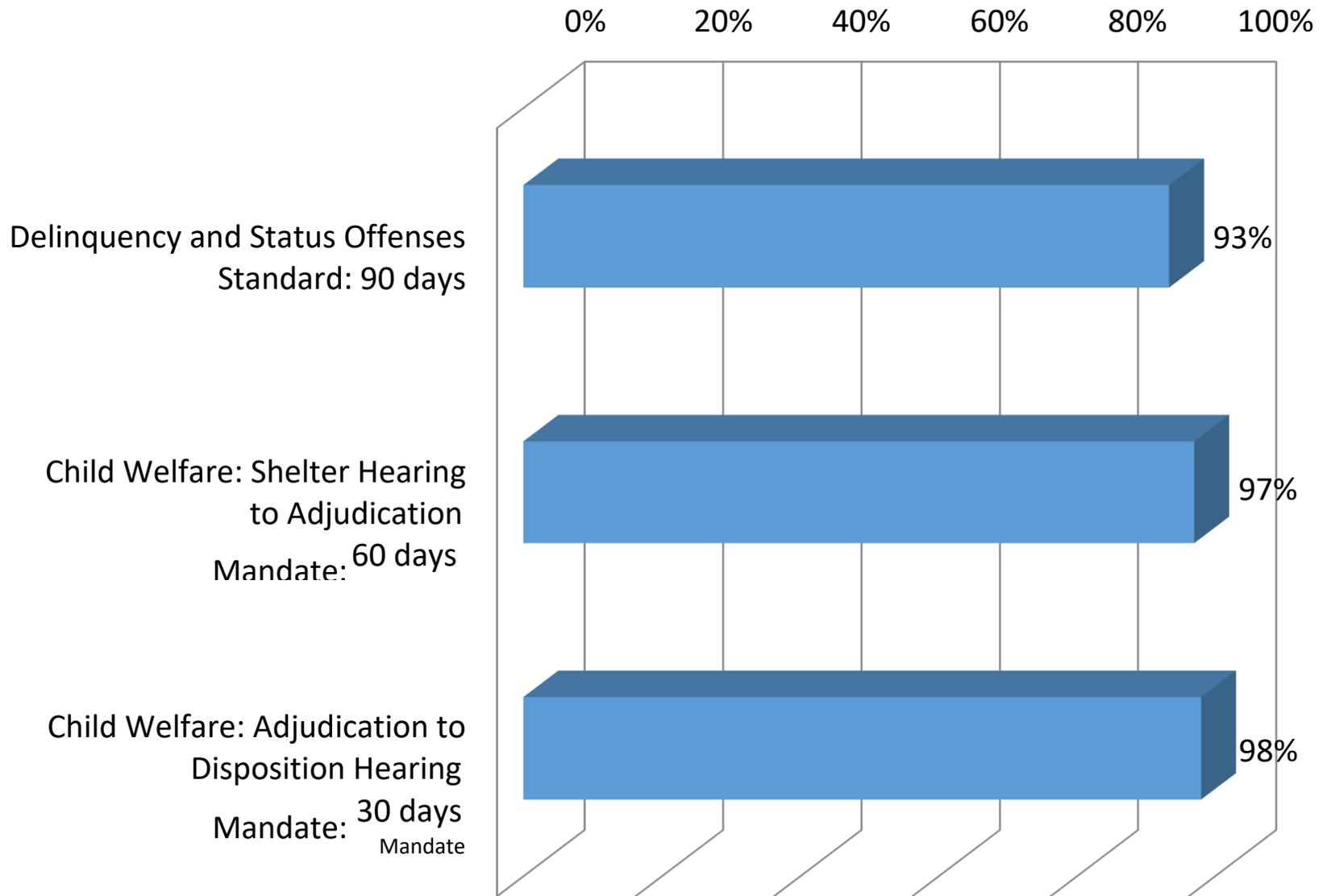
Restitution, Fines and Fees

Court Employee Satisfaction

Time to Disposition: Juvenile Courts

Case Dispositions Meeting Recommended Time Standard

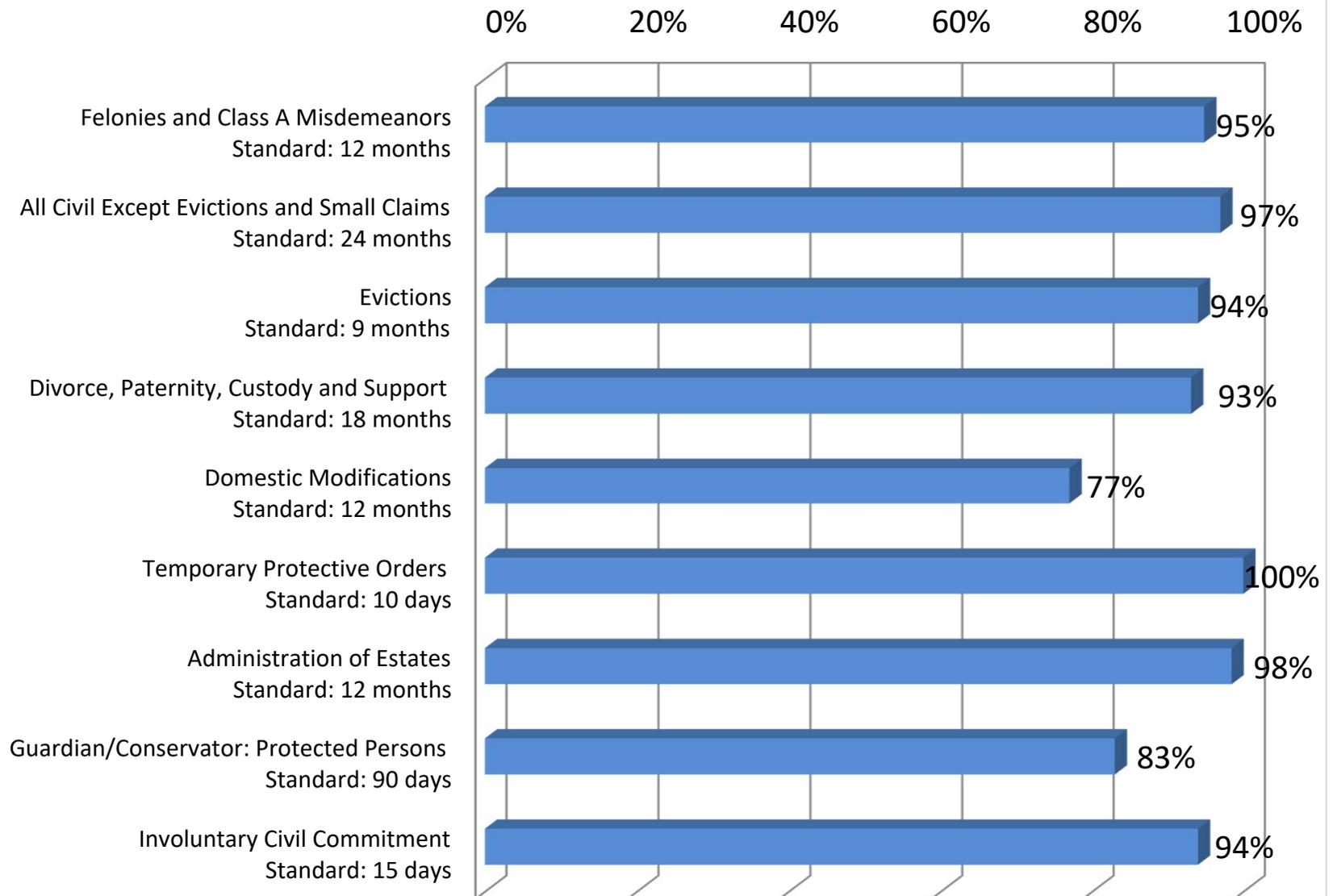
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Time to Disposition: District Courts

Case Dispositions Meeting Recommended Time Standard

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Judicial Council Budget Priorities

1. Clerical Staff Salary Adjustments
2. Third District Judges and Staff
3. Information Technology: Redundant Site
4. Self Help Center
5. Third District Drug Court Clerk

Priority 1 Clerical Salary Adjustments

\$ 1,420,000

Clerical Salary Adjustments

Judicial assistants and case managers:

1. Manage court calendars
2. Manage payments (>\$31 million)
3. Assist judges, attorneys, litigants, the public, law enforcement agencies, state agencies, ...
4. Enter judgments and orders timely, including warrants



Clerical Salary Adjustments

Largest part of court workforce: 468 positions (43%)

Turnover: 20% annually

Market Comparability study = 15% below market

Request: 5.75% salary increase for all existing clerical staff

Impact: Attract and retain qualified staff

Decrease turnover

Maintain trained staff

Maintain efficient, professional services

Priority 2

Third District Judges and Staff

\$ 1,809,900

3rd District Judges and Staff

Four Judges and Staff

Measure: Weighted Caseload

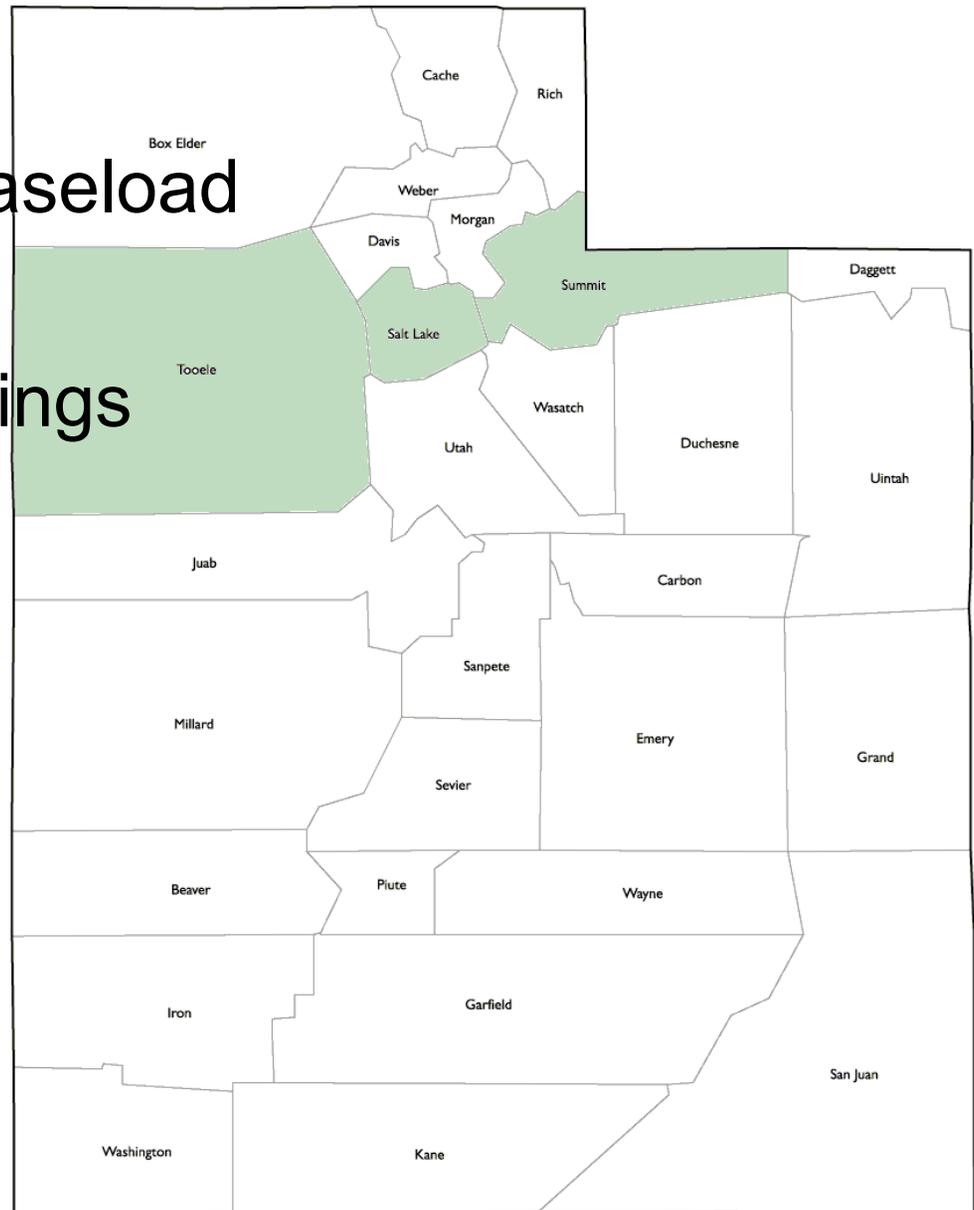
% of statewide case filings

Criminal: 42%

Civil: 43%

Problem solving courts:

- Drug courts (7)
- Mental health court (2)
- Veterans court (1)



Priority 3 Information Technology: Redundant Site

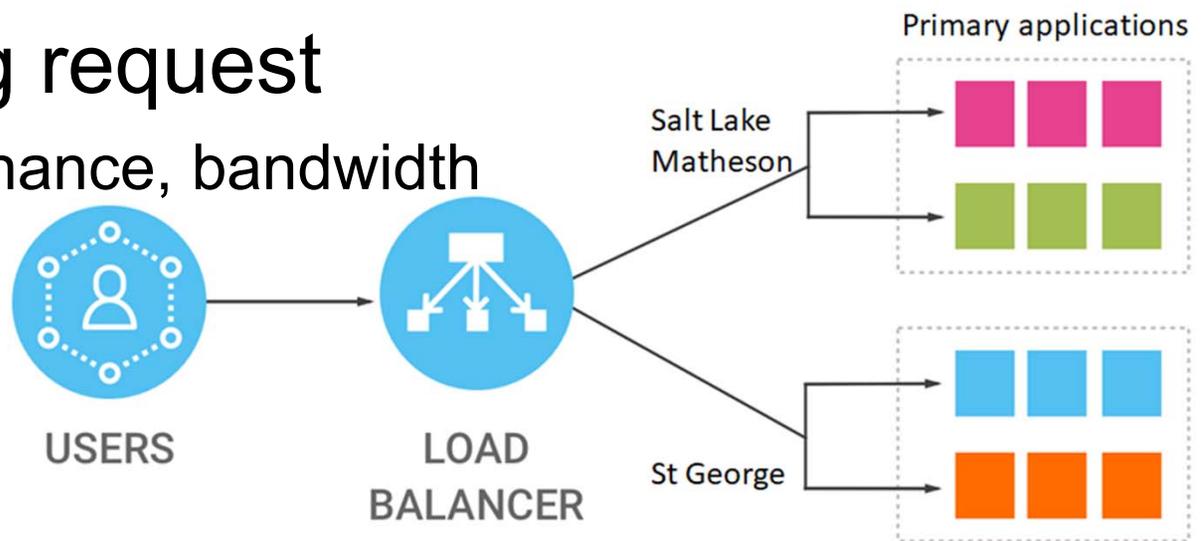
One time	\$373,400
On-going	\$ 70,500

Redundant Site

Hub: Salt Lake City

Redundant site: St. George

- over 60% complete
- One time request
 - Load balancer, bandwidth, storage
- Ongoing request
 - Maintenance, bandwidth



Priority 4 Self Help Center

\$97,400

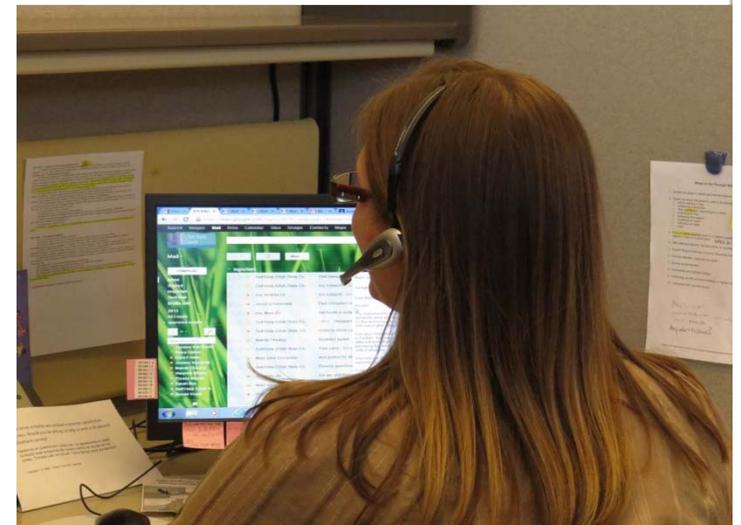
Self-Help Center

- Citizen emails, texts and phone calls
- Rural and urban access to services
- All areas of state law
- 5 lawyers currently work 30 hours/week

Request: Increase lawyers to full time

Result:

- 100 more contacts/week
- 400 more contacts/month



Priority 5
Third District Drug Court Clerk

\$67,800

Third District Drug Court Clerk

Salt Lake County Drug Courts = 5

Impact:

- Single point of contact
- Efficient use of clerk time
- Better customer services



Fiscal Analyst Recommendations

- Provo Courthouse Operation and Maintenance Cost Delay \$ 270,800
- “Collapse” 7th and 8th judicial districts:
Juvenile Court
 - Statutory concerns
 - Utah Constitution Article VIII
 - Terms of current juvenile court judges



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