



## District Court II

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### Mission Statement

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To provide effective and timely resolution of legal matters, assuring dignified and fair treatment of all participants, while promoting respect for the justice system and maintaining the independence of the judiciary.

### Function

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- Infractions; Traffic and Non-Traffic
- Misdemeanor and Gross Misdemeanor Offenses
- Probation Services
- Civil Cases - \$100,000 and Less
- Small Claims Up to \$5,000
- Unlawful Harassment and Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Name Changes

### Trends/Events

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The legislature and appeals courts continue to lean towards indigent defendants not being assessed legal financial obligations, expect this trend to continue if not accelerate. This will significantly affect the courts' ability to generate revenue. This trend is currently showing strongest on interest income as the legislature has removed interest from certain types of cases.

Progress continues on the Administrative Office of the Courts' efforts to modernize technology solutions for courts at the district level. We anticipate a shift to electronic case filings third quarter of 2023. This will require a one-time investment for the transition with improved operating efficiencies as the transition completes. This expense may be offset by a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

COVID has hit the court system particularly hard. While it has forced the courts to innovate and modernize technology, the need for in-person hearings for trials cannot be removed. We have an unprecedented number of cases pending trial currently. Should something break that logjam we could be facing significant challenges with funding and/or even finding sufficient personnel, facilities, and budget to work through the backlog.

The decision in State v Blake is just beginning to impact the courts. Moving forward we can expect to see major financial impacts and stress on current staffing hours and facilities as decades of old cases are brought before the court.

### Goals

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1. Continue to serve the citizens of the West End of Clallam County by maintaining an independent and efficient court providing personal attention and justice in each case.
2. The court must comply with time standards as adopted by the Washington State Supreme Court while at the same time keeping current with incoming caseload.
3. Promptly implement all changes in law and procedures as established/enacted by state government.
4. The court must report the court's activities as established by law and rule to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Licensing, the county, etc.; as well as respond to requests by law enforcement and private citizens.
5. The court must act consistently and swiftly to enforce its orders.
6. The court must establish, maintain, and preserve the records of all relevant court actions in accordance with the law.

### Workload Indicators

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	6/30/22 Actual
Infractions	1,051	635	225
Driving Under the Influence	30	23	8
Criminal Traffic	61	60	22
Criminal Misdemeanors	157	122	67
Civil Suits	123	134	35
Small Claims	5	6	2
Civil Protection Orders	54	68	30
Parking	7	12	8
Caseload Totals	1,158	1,060	397

### Grant Funding Sources

This fund does not receive any grant revenue.

### Revenues

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	6/30/22 Actual	2023 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	160	0	0	0
Charges for Goods and Services	61,013	55,124	27,927	38,927
Fines and Forfeits	75,720	76,043	24,646	70,949
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,683	6,422	2,280	6,146
Other Financing Sources	225	321	169	300
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	231,037	248,747	131,977	301,187
Total	373,838	386,657	186,999	417,509

### Expenditures

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	6/30/22 Actual	2023 Budget
Salaries and Wages	236,015	257,228	127,901	270,104
Personnel Benefits	88,976	82,527	40,108	97,348
Supplies	10,029	6,537	521	3,950
Other Services and Charges	38,818	40,365	18,469	13,206
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Debt Service: Principal	0	0	0	32,901
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	373,838	386,657	186,999	417,509

## Staffing

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	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	2.91	3.00	3.00	3.00