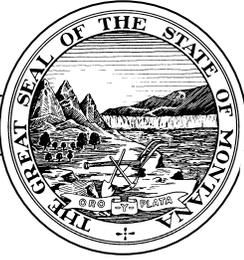


OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER



BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR

RANDI HOOD
CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER

STATE OF MONTANA

Phone: (406) 496-6080
Fax: (406) 496-6098

44 WEST PARK STREET
BUTTE, MONTANA 59701

September 30, 2011

Legislative Finance Committee
c/o Representative Jon Sesso, Chairman
P.O. Box 201711
Helena, MT 59620-1711

Dear Chairman Sesso and Members of the Legislative Finance Committee:

Enclosed with this letter are three reports that are due from the Office of the State Public Defender to the Legislative Finance Committee by September 30, 2011 as per Title 47-1-201 (9) (a) and (b).

The first report provides for FY 2011 the number of cases opened, the number of cases closed, the number of cases that remain open and active, and the number of cases that remain open but are inactive. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (9) (a).

The second report provides for FY 2011 the number of days between case openings and closings for each case type. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (9) (a).

The third report provides for FY 2011 the amount of funds collected as reimbursements for services rendered, including the number of cases for which a collection is made, the number of cases for which an amount is owed, the amount collected, and the amount remaining unpaid. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (9) (b).

Please contact me if you need any clarification of this information at 406-496-6080.

Sincerely,

Randi M. Hood
Chief Public Defender

cc: Richard E. Gillespie, Chair, Public Defender Commission
Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division
Brent Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
CASES OPENED AND CLOSED IN FY 2011
ACTIVE AND INACTIVE CASES REMAINING OPEN
TITLE 47-1-201 (9)(a)

		<u>CASES</u>
6/30/2010 Beg. Balance		18,051
FY 2011	Cases Opened	27,830
FY 2011	Cases Closed	<u>(25,098)</u>
6/30/2010 Ending Balance		20,783
Active Cases		17,469
Inactive Cases		<u>3,314</u>
		20,783

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN BY CASE TYPE
CASES CLOSED DURING FY 2011
TITLE 47-1-201 (9)(a)

CASE TYPE NAME	CODE	2011 AVG. DAYS OPEN
Criminal	DC	239
Guardianship	DG	294
Involuntary Commitment	DI	56
Juvenile	DJ	165
Dependent & Neglect	DN	327
Courts of Limited Jurisdiction	LC	168

Office of the State Public Defender
Judgments, Assessments and
Collections of Legal Fees
Title 47-1-201(9)(b)

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY2011
JUDGMENTS PRE SB 263 AND OPD ASSESSMENTS					
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	\$ -	\$ 36,333	\$ 131,263	\$ 317,404	\$ 292,318
Assessments by Year	44,351	129,749	218,714	14,371	20,475
Total Collections by Year	(8,018)	(34,818)	(32,574)	(39,456)	(30,845)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total	20	81	228	242	202
Total Balance of A/R @ End of Year **	\$ 36,333	\$ 131,263	\$ 317,404	\$ 292,318	\$ 281,948
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year	-	66	310	729	689
# of Clients Assessments by Year	74	281	480	14	18
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year	(8)	(37)	(61)	(54)	(38)
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year	66	310	729	689	669
SENATE BILL 263					
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	293,997
Assessments by Year	-	-	-	315,214	417,503
Total Collections by Year	-	-	-	(21,218)	(93,149)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total	-	-	-	224	886
Total Balance of A/R @ End of Year **	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293,997	\$ 618,350
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year	-	-	-	-	1,033
# of Clients Assessments by Year	-	-	-	1,140	1,584
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year	-	-	-	(107)	(411)
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year	-	-	-	1,033	2,206
TOTAL ALL JUDGMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS INCLUDING SENATE BILL 263					
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	\$ -	\$ 36,333	\$ 131,263	\$ 317,404	\$ 586,315
Assessments by Year	44,351	129,749	218,714	329,585	437,977
Total Collections by Year **	(8,018)	(34,818)	(32,574)	(60,674)	(123,994)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total	20	81	228	466	1,088
Total Balance of A/R for Reporting Year **	\$ 36,333	\$ 131,263	\$ 317,404	\$ 586,315	\$ 900,298
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year	-	66	310	729	1,722
# of Clients Assessments by Year	74	281	480	1,154	1,602
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year	(8)	(37)	(61)	(161)	(449)
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year	66	310	729	1,722	2,875