



Future of Public Defense - Proposed New Caseload Standards

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- **Current Caseload Standards**

- [Washington's recommended new standards:](#)
 - 150 to 47 for felony cases
 - 400 (300 if case weighted) to 120 misdemeanor cases
 - Case Credits in place of unit structure

The new standards are recommended to be phased in beginning in 2025

- **Washington State Association of Counties**

- [Funding by the WA State Office of Public Defense](#)
- Litigation

- **Proposed Caseload Standards**

- Projected Financial Impact
- Projected Attorneys Needed to Meet Caseload Standards
- Current Contract Structure Vs. Future

- **Future Impacts in Justice System**

- Sheriff/Jail
- Prosecutor
- Superior and District Courts
- Public Defense Attorneys

- **Next Steps**

Written Comments and Hearings: Comments on the standards must be submitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court no later than October 31st, 2024.

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