

**Judiciary**  
**FY23 Mid-Year Status Report**

Item #	Approp / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Comment	LFD Questions	Agency Comments
1	Various	Increased Hours for Non-Judicial Employees	\$1,195.1 Gen Fund (UGF)	For FY2023, funding will be used to increase the hours for court employees to address the work backlogs that have accumulated during the pandemic and the hours that the court system customer service counters are available to the public and State agencies on Friday afternoons. The court system intends to provide the increased customer service hours and address case processing backlogs with minimized expenditures by not returning all court staff to 37.5 hours, and only those who do increase their hours will receive the corresponding salary increase. Instead, the court system intends to use flexible staffing schedules and modified workload distribution systems for many types of case processing tasks throughout the court system.	How many employees have transitioned back to 37.5 hour weeks? How many are still working 36 hour weeks?  Are the increased hours sufficient to decrease the work backlog?	There were 589 budgeted positions previously subject to the 36.0 hour work week. As of the pay period ending 12/25/2022, 302 (51%) remain on the 36.0 hour work week schedule. As employees working 36.0 hour schedules retire or terminate, these positions are filled by employees assigned to work a 37.5 hour work week schedule.  Although the increased hours were sufficient to allow the court system to open on Friday afternoons, backlogs remain a problem in large part due to staff capacity in other justice-related agencies. Additionally, the court system continues to struggle with filling its vacant positions - particularly in rural Alaska.