

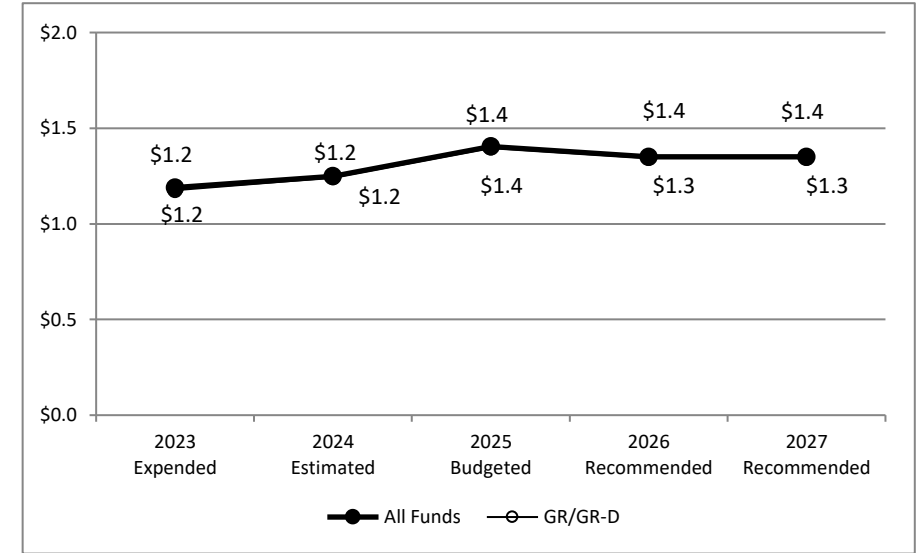
State Law Library
Summary of Budget Recommendations - Senate

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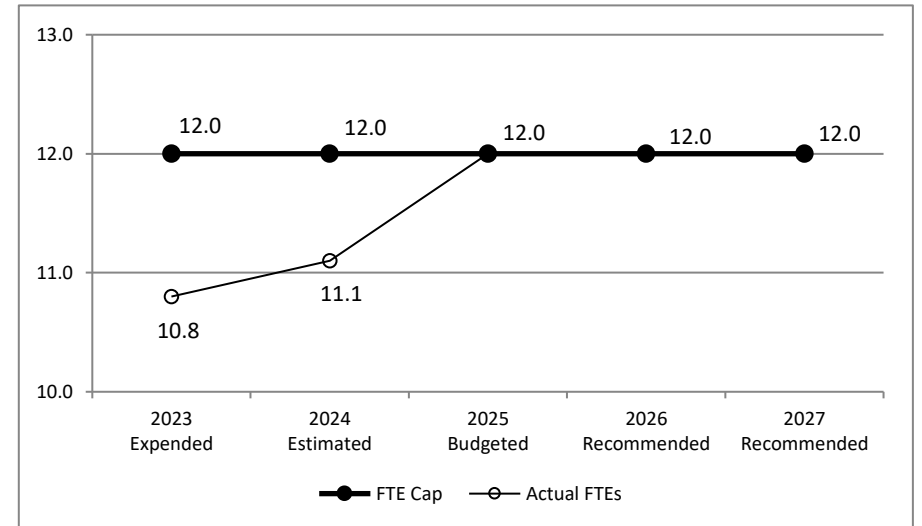
Method of Financing	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$2,638,039	\$2,686,131	\$48,092	1.8%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$2,638,039</i>	<i>\$2,686,131</i>	<i>\$48,092</i>	<i>1.8%</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$15,000	\$14,000	(\$1,000)	(6.7%)
All Funds	\$2,653,039	\$2,700,131	\$47,092	1.8%

	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2027 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0%

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



The bill pattern for this agency (2026-27 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2026-27 biennium.

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Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2026-27 Biennium compared to the 2024-25 Base Spending Level		General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
<i>OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):</i>							
A)	Decrease in Appropriated Receipts due to the discontinuation of certain circulation fees during the 2024-25 biennium.	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	A.1.1
B)	Increase in funding to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations	\$48,092	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,092	A.1.1
TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations		\$48,092	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$47,092	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases</i>		\$48,092	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,092	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases</i>		\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	As Listed

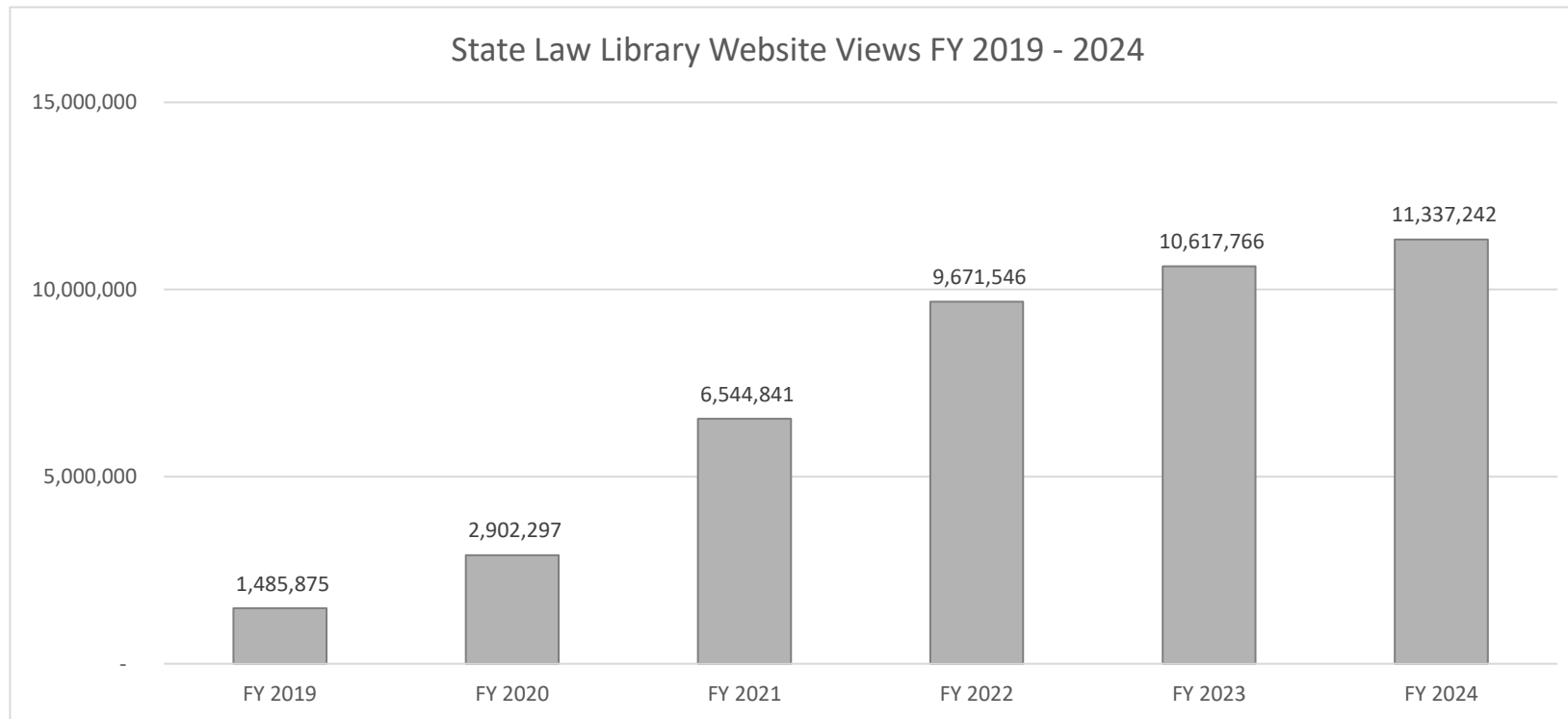
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- Article-Wide 6.0 Percent Salary Increase for Non-Judicial Staff.** Recommendations do not include \$9.8 million in All Funds, including \$9.6 million in General Revenue and \$0.2 million in Other Funds, requested by all Article IV agencies to provide a 6.0 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.

The total portion of this request for the State Law Library totals \$0.1 million in General Revenue funding for the 2026-27 biennium. (See also, Section 5, Items Not Included in Recommendations.)

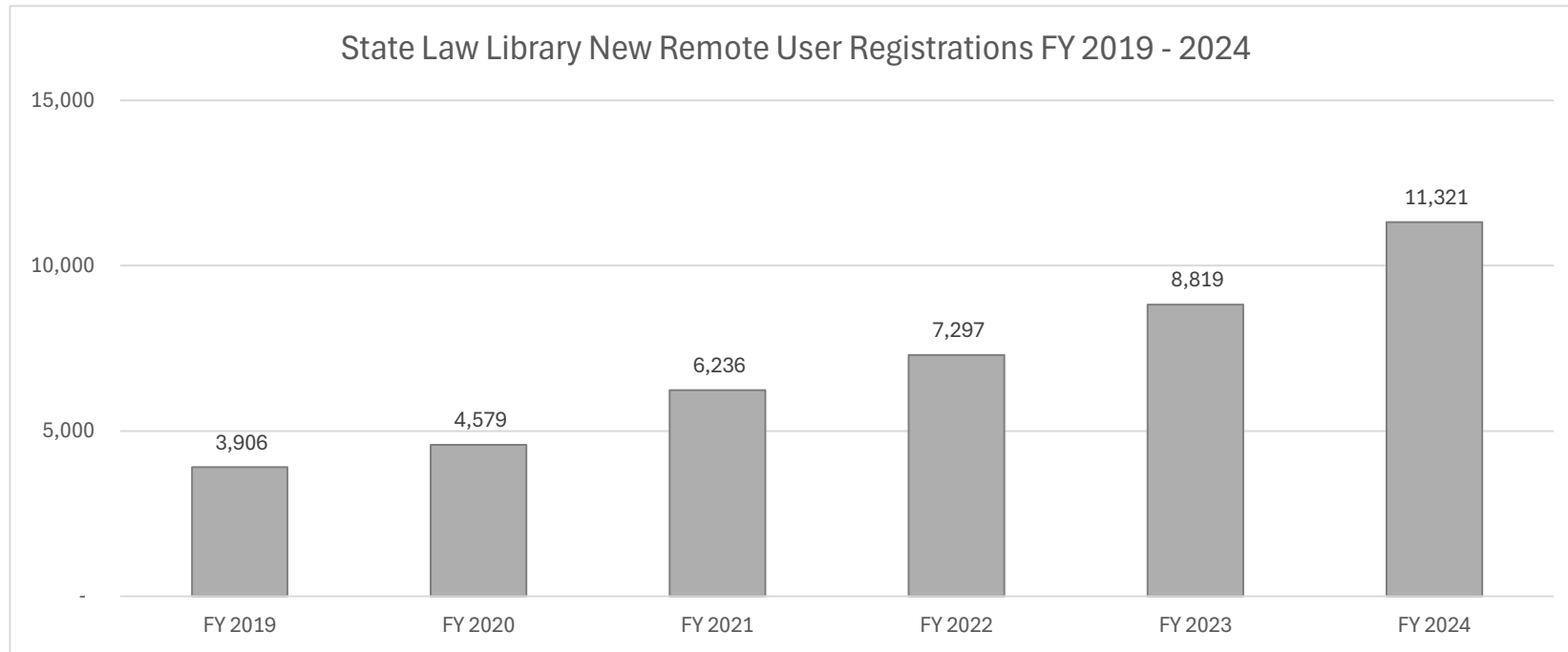
- Website Visibility and Usage.** Recommendations do not include \$0.2 million in General Revenue to translate portions of the agency’s website to Spanish and add one Spanish-speaking librarian position. This includes \$50,000 in one-time costs for the initial translation. (See also, Section 5, Items Not Included in Recommendations.)

Library staff develop and publish online legal research guides to provide the general public access to reputable legal information. The number of views of the agency’s website has increased since fiscal year 2019. According to the agency, as its online visibility has grown, requests for additional legal information have increased, requiring more staff time dedicated to researching complex legal issues. Information in the figure below shows the number of website views between fiscal years 2019 and 2024.



Note: Information provided by the State Law Library

In fiscal year 2014, the agency began providing remote access through its website to a portion of its legal databases and other resources. Information in the figure below shows the number of new remote user registrations between fiscal years 2019 and 2024.



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**State Law Library
Rider Highlights - Senate**

Modification of Existing Riders

1. The following rider includes recommendations to remove obsolete language, make conforming changes such as updating fiscal years and amounts to reflect funding recommendations, and clarify deadlines: Rider 2, Appropriation of Receipts: Fees and Service Charges.

Deleted Riders

2. Recommendations include deleting Rider 3, Unexpended Balances, and adding the agency to Special Provisions – Judiciary Section 9, Unexpended Balance Authority, which grants UB authority to all other Judicial branch agencies.

State Law Library
Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate

	2026-27 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2028-29
	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			

Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)

1)	Restoration of Librarian Position. General Revenue funding for 1.0 librarian position.	\$127,720	\$127,720	1.0	No	No	\$127,720
2)	Website Translation and Additional Librarian. General Revenue funding to translate portions of the agency's website to Spanish and add 1.0 librarian position to assist Spanish-speaking patrons (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issue #2).	\$219,900	\$219,900	1.0	No	Yes	\$169,900
3)	6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. General Revenue funding to provide a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issue #1).	\$92,424	\$92,424	0.0	No	No	\$92,424

TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$440,044	\$440,044	2.0			\$390,044
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Appendices - Senate**

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

State Law Library
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS A.1.1	\$2,653,039	\$2,700,131	\$47,092	1.8%	Recommendations reflect a \$48,092 increase in funding to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations offset by a \$1,000 decrease in Appropriated Receipts due to the discontinuation of certain circulation fees during the 2024-25 biennium.
Total, Goal A, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS	\$2,653,039	\$2,700,131	\$47,092	1.8%	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$2,653,039	\$2,700,131	\$47,092	1.8%	

**State Law Library
FTE Highlights - Senate**

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2023	Expended 2024	Budgeted 2025	Recommended 2026	Recommended 2027
Cap	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Actual/Budgeted	10.8	11.1	12.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Director, Group 2	\$113,298	\$111,180	\$121,360	\$121,360	\$121,360

Notes:

a) State Auditor's Office is the source for the fiscal year 2023 and 2024 annual average (actual) FTE level.

b) The Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, increased the authority for the annual exempt salary for the Director position from \$106,720 to \$113,298 in fiscal years 2022-23. The agency's previous director retired during fiscal year 2022 and the State Law Library's Board appointed the agency's current director as of May 1, 2022 at an annual salary of \$101,000. The Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, provided an additional \$10,180 in funding in fiscal year 2024 and \$20,360 in fiscal year 2025 to increase the Director's annual exempt salary from \$101,000 to \$121,360.