

One Page Itemized Listing of Requested Changes from Executive Budget Recommendation  
Senate Appropriations – Government Operations Division  
SB 2022  
January 13, 2025

Current 2023-2025 biennium level	Requested level in 2025-2027 budget	Burgum Recommendation	Armstrong Recommendation	Commission Recommendation after executive budget
41 Full Time Employees	Increase 5 FTE \$905,300	Increase 2 FTE \$362,120	Not yet released	Increase 5 FTE to 46 FTE  This is important to give us an investigator in each public defender office
Implement Step program to be competitive	\$805,000 for employee increases	\$805,000 for employee increases	Not yet released	No Change from Executive Recommendation
Pay increase for contract attorneys	Increase to 60% of CJA Rate at cost of \$5,255,134	Increase of \$1,500,000 from General Fund to increase pay rate of contracted attorneys	Not yet released	Gov. Burgum proposed 1,500,000 this biennium and more next biennium for a gradual increase, we prefer the money now given our struggles to recruit against CJA  We request the \$5,255,134

Governor Burgum in his Executive Budget recommended restoring vacant/new FTE funds in the amount of \$391,375 in General Funds and \$7,134 in Special Funds. We would agree with the governor's recommendation on this.