

**Office of Administrative Hearings**  
**Budget No. 140**  
**House Bill No. 1017**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2023-25 legislative appropriation	5.00	\$0	\$3,000,409	\$3,000,409
2021-23 legislative appropriation	5.00	0	2,901,529	2,901,529
2023-25 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$98,880	\$98,880

**Item Description**

**Office of Administrative Hearings - Caseload** - Provided below is a summary of the caseload for administrative law judge services for calendar years 2012 through 2023.

Calendar Year	Number of Cases	Annual Percentage Change
2012	510	
2013	576	12.9%
2014	571	(0.9%)
2015	671	17.5%
2016	717	6.9%
2017	663	(7.5%)
2018	646	(2.6%)
2019	482	(25.4%)
2020	432	(10.4%)
2021	364	(15.7%)
2022	404	11.0%
2023	446	10.4%

**Status/Result**

For the period of January through March 2024, the Office of Administrative Hearings has experienced a 60 percent increase in the number of cases compared to the same time period during calendar year 2023. It is unknown if the increased caseload will continue throughout 2024.

**Targeted market equity** - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$82.5 million, of which \$45.1 million is from the general fund, to the Office of Management and Budget for a targeted market equity pool to be distributed to state agencies.

The Office of Administrative Hearings received \$22,386 of other funds authority for targeted market equity increases. Equity increases were provided to five employees.

**New and vacant FTE funding pool** - The Legislative Assembly reduced \$20,058 of 2023-25 biennium other funds appropriation authority from the Office of Administrative Hearings related to estimated vacant position savings for the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

The Office of Administrative Hearings has not received any allocations from the new and vacant FTE funding pool. The office has not had any staff vacancies during the 2023-25 biennium. The office plans to request an allocation from the pool in March 2025 if no positions become vacant.