Agency Name:	Administrative Law Court		
Agency Code:	C050	Section:	58

Fiscal Year FY 2027-2028

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*		Requesting General Fund Appropriations
		Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	X	Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*		Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	X	Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*		Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	X	Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
PROVISOS *(FORM D)*		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	X	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2027-2028 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	*Board or Commission Chair*
SIGN/DATE:	9/25/2026	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Ralph K. Anderson, III	

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
AMOUNT	$176,114 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	N/A *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	The Administrative Law Court (ALC) is a single-program agency, and all appropriated funds support the Court's operations, including the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings (OMVH). The agency's sole mission is to conduct contested case hearings, appellate and injunctive proceedings, and regulatory hearings on behalf of state agencies and citizens. As a judicial entity, the ALC does not control the volume of cases filed and has limited flexibility to absorb General Fund reductions through programmatic restructuring or the reallocation of resources. Consequently, any reduction in funding would directly affect the agency's ability to support court operations and efficiently process cases. Such reductions may result in delays in adjudication and could negatively impact the timely delivery of due process for litigants appearing before both the ALC and OMVH. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	Approximately 93 % of the Administrative Law Court's (ALC) budget is dedicated to personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits. As a result, the proposed 3 percent General Fund reduction calculated by the Executive Budget Office would have a disproportionate impact on the Court's ability to sustain operations and fulfill its statutory responsibilities. The ALC operates with limited discretionary funding, as the majority of its non-personnel budget supports essential operating costs necessary to conduct court proceedings and maintain daily operations. These expenses include facility rent, court reporting services, information technology and computer equipment, building security, legal research resources, office equipment, postage, and other administrative support functions. To mitigate the impact of a budget reduction, the Court would first identify savings in discretionary areas such as office supplies, printing, shredding services, and other administrative expenditures. While these measures may generate limited savings, they are insufficient to absorb the full impact of the proposed reduction. Any reductions beyond these limited discretionary expenses would directly affect critical operational functions that support the Court's core mission. Reductions in funding for legal research tools, court reporting services, technology infrastructure, or other essential resources would hinder the Court's ability to efficiently process cases, maintain accurate records of proceedings, and support judicial and administrative staff. Over time, such reductions could increase case processing times, create operational inefficiencies, and contribute to delays in adjudication. The ALC has minimal flexibility to absorb budget reductions without affecting service delivery. Consequently, a 3% reduction in General Fund appropriations would diminish the Court's operational capacity and could adversely impact its ability to provide timely, fair, and effective due process to the citizens and state agencies it serves.

Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS

The Administrative Law Court (ALC) has limited opportunities for cost reductions given that the majority of its budget supports personnel and essential court operations. As a cost-savings measure, the agency would implement a plan to maximize the use of available Earmarked Funds for eligible operating expenditures currently supported by General Fund appropriations. This funding-source realignment is projected to generate approximately $60,000 to $70,000 in General Fund savings while preserving the Court's operational capacity and ability to meet its statutory responsibilities. This strategy represents the most viable option for achieving savings without adversely affecting the timely administration of justice or reducing services to the public.

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than $50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?