

ITEM REDUCTIONS BY METHOD OF FINANCING
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Agency code: 227

Agency name: **Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo**

Item Priority and Name/ Method of Financing	2010	2011	Biennial Total	Target
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1 Operating Costs - Subscriptions

Item Comment: As discussed in the joint letter to state leadership dated 2/16/10, the courts of appeals request to maintain the full level of funding appropriated to the courts for FY 2010-2011 and utilize that funding as authorized by the 81st Legislature. The 5% reduction will cause the following for the Seventh Court of Appeals:

The Court may curtail legal research subscriptions that are currently available to judges and legal staff and used to review and decide appeals from civil and criminal trial courts. The short run impact will be nominal; however, in the long run there will likely be a deleterious impact on the Court's performance.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$29,870
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$29,870
Item Total	\$0	\$29,870

2 Rescind Planned Salary Increases

Item Comment: The FY2011 appropriation for salary increases may be curtailed. The short run impact would be nominal; in the long run it will exacerbate the Court's ability to recruit highly skilled and motivated legal staff because of the increasing salary disparity compared to the salary levels being offered by federal and local government and the private sector.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$44,848
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$44,848
Item Total	\$0	\$44,848

3 Reduction in Legal Staff

Item Comment: A 5% reduction of the Court's FY2011 appropriated budget will curtail the hiring of an additional staff attorney. It may also adversely impact current legal staffing levels. The impact in short and long run may adversely affect the Court's primary functions and performance measures.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$84,000
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$84,000

* - Indicates amount does not meet target requirements.

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Item Total	\$0	\$84,000		
Agency General Revenue Total	\$0	\$158,718		
Agency GR Dedicated Total				
Agency Grand Total	\$0	\$158,718	\$158,718	\$158,718

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