



City of Tumwater Public Health & Safety Committee Update

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Agenda



Non-Conflict/Conflict Case Report



FY19-to-FY26 Cost Overview



Washington State Supreme Courts Decision on
Indigent Defense Standards (IDS)



Thurston County IDS Model



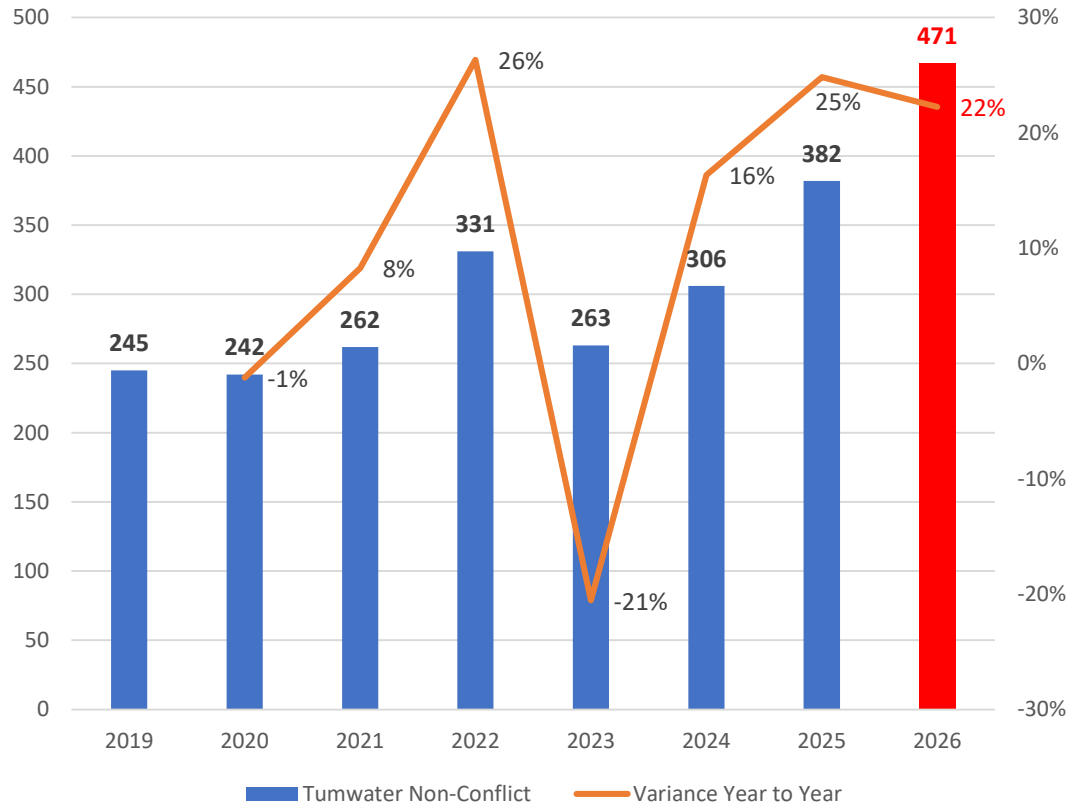
Caseload Growth Trends/IDS Implementation



Next Steps/Questions

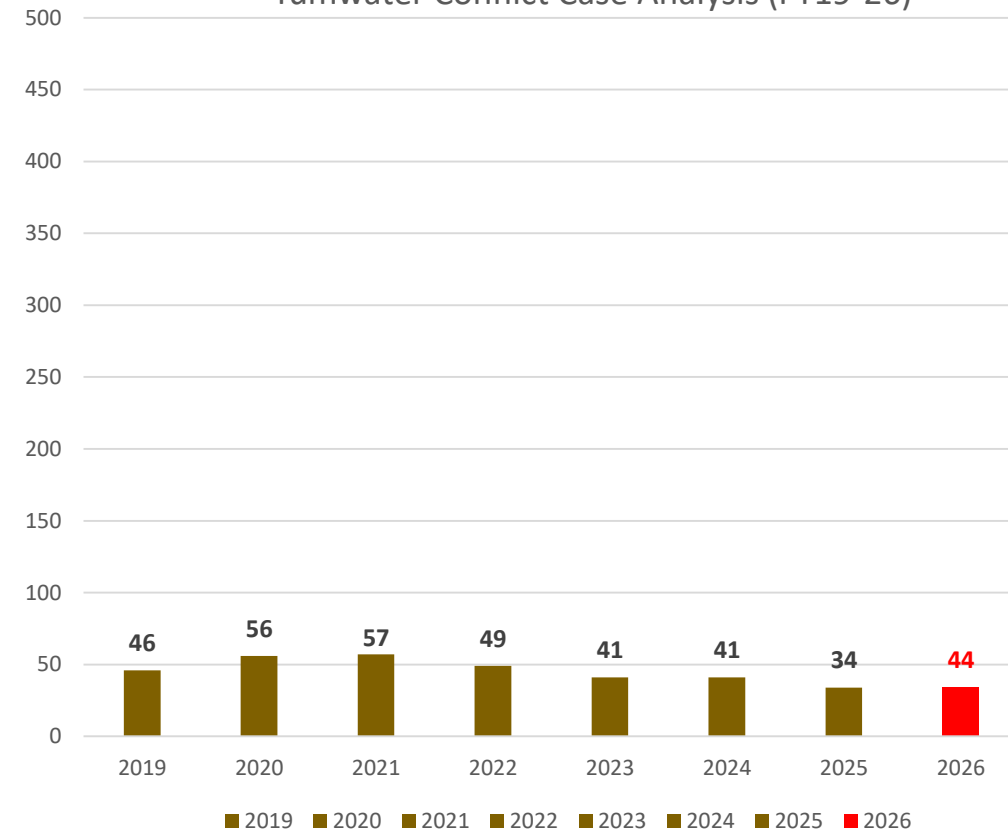
Tumwater Non-Conflict & Conflict Cases Report

Tumwater Non-Conflict Case Analysis (FY19-26)



- FY26 (in red) projection only.
- Consistent growth since 2023 post pandemic.
- FY26 projected to increase by 22% from FY25.
- Year to year variance between 16%-26% increase growth.

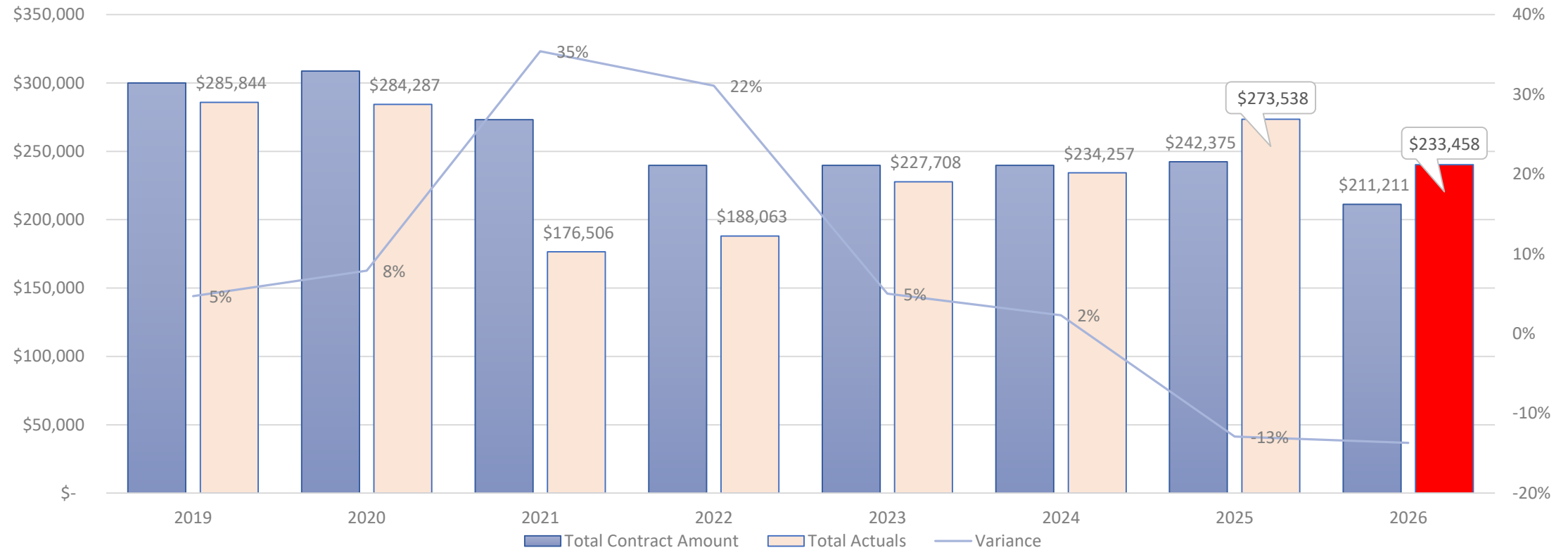
Tumwater Conflict Case Analysis (FY19-26)



- FY26 (in red) projection only.
- Conflict cases are flat and stable.
- Trend is projected to continue throughout FY26.

Tumwater/TCPD Cost Overview

Contract to Actuals (FY19-FY26)



- Projected 2026 contract overage fell to 4.87% after Q2 billing, down 1.5% from the initial forecast modeled in March 2026.
- 2019-2020 actual costs reflect higher costs due to two attorney FTEs.

WA Standards for Indigent Defense Services- WA State Supreme Court Decision

On June 9, 2025, the Washington State Supreme Court ordered that effective January 1, 2026, caseload standards for defense attorneys be reduced per the newly adopted revised Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) standards.

Implementation must be accomplished as soon as reasonably possible but can be accomplished in a phased approach with at least an annual 10% reduction between the current WSBA standards and the revised WSBA standards, no later than 10 years from January 1, 2026.

WA Standards for Indigent Defense Services- Supreme Court Decision

- Implementation efforts began January 1, 2026.
- Thurston County must reduce each Defense Attorney FTE caseload at a minimum of 10% each year, and every year thereafter, until reaching compliance.
- The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners adopted a 10-year implementation plan for FY26-FY27, and thereafter a hybrid 5-year implementation model.
- Full implementation must be completed as soon as reasonably possible but no later than ten-years from January 1, 2026.
- Implementation cannot be deferred, even if compliance is achieved within ten years.

WA Standards for Indigent Defense Services- WA State Supreme Court Decision – Cont.

- Current WSBA Annual Caseload Standards

- 150 felony cases.
- **400 misdemeanor cases.**
- 250 juvenile cases.
- 250 civil commitment cases.

- Revised WSBA Annual Caseload Standards (1/1/26)

- 47 felony case credits.
- 120 misdemeanor case credits.**
- 47 juvenile felony case credits.
- 120 misdemeanor juvenile case credits.
- 250 civil commitment case credits.

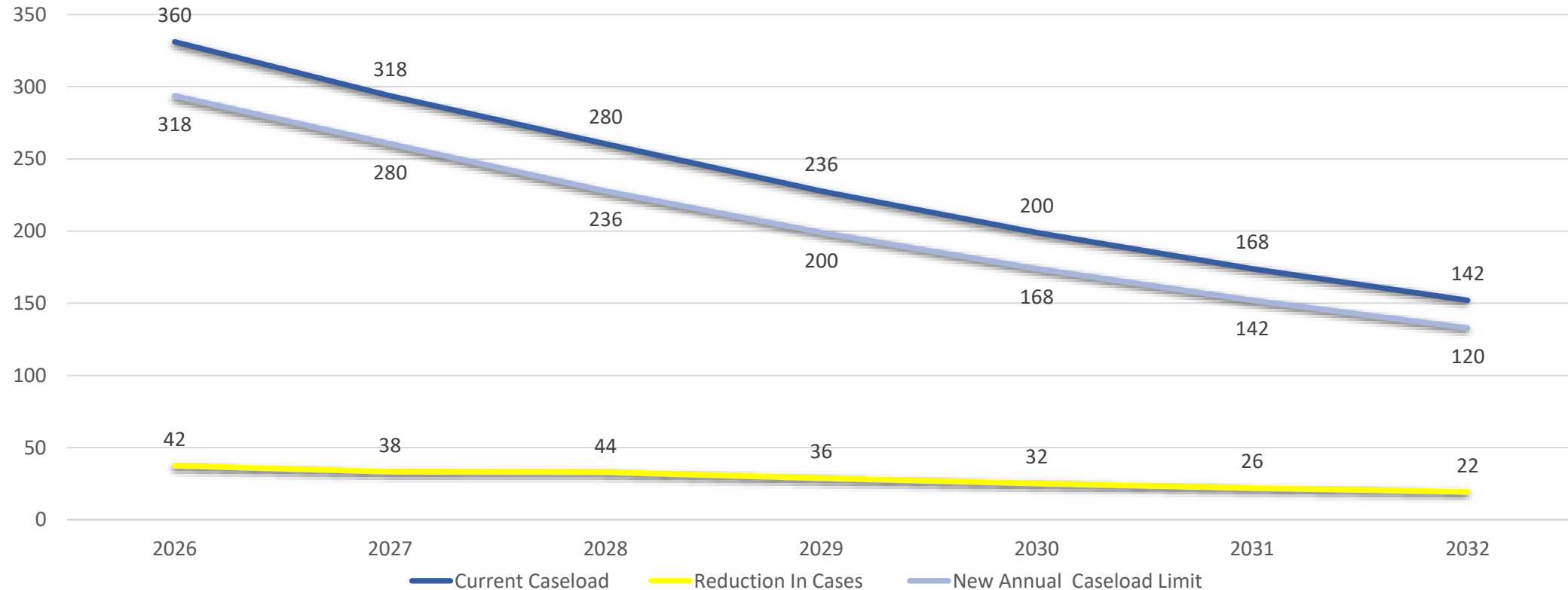
Tumwater Case Count & Case Credit Comparison

	2025 Non-Conflict Cases (1)	Misd. High Case Credit (1.5)	Misd. Low Case Credit (1)
Total	382	332	160

382 Cases = 492 Case Credits

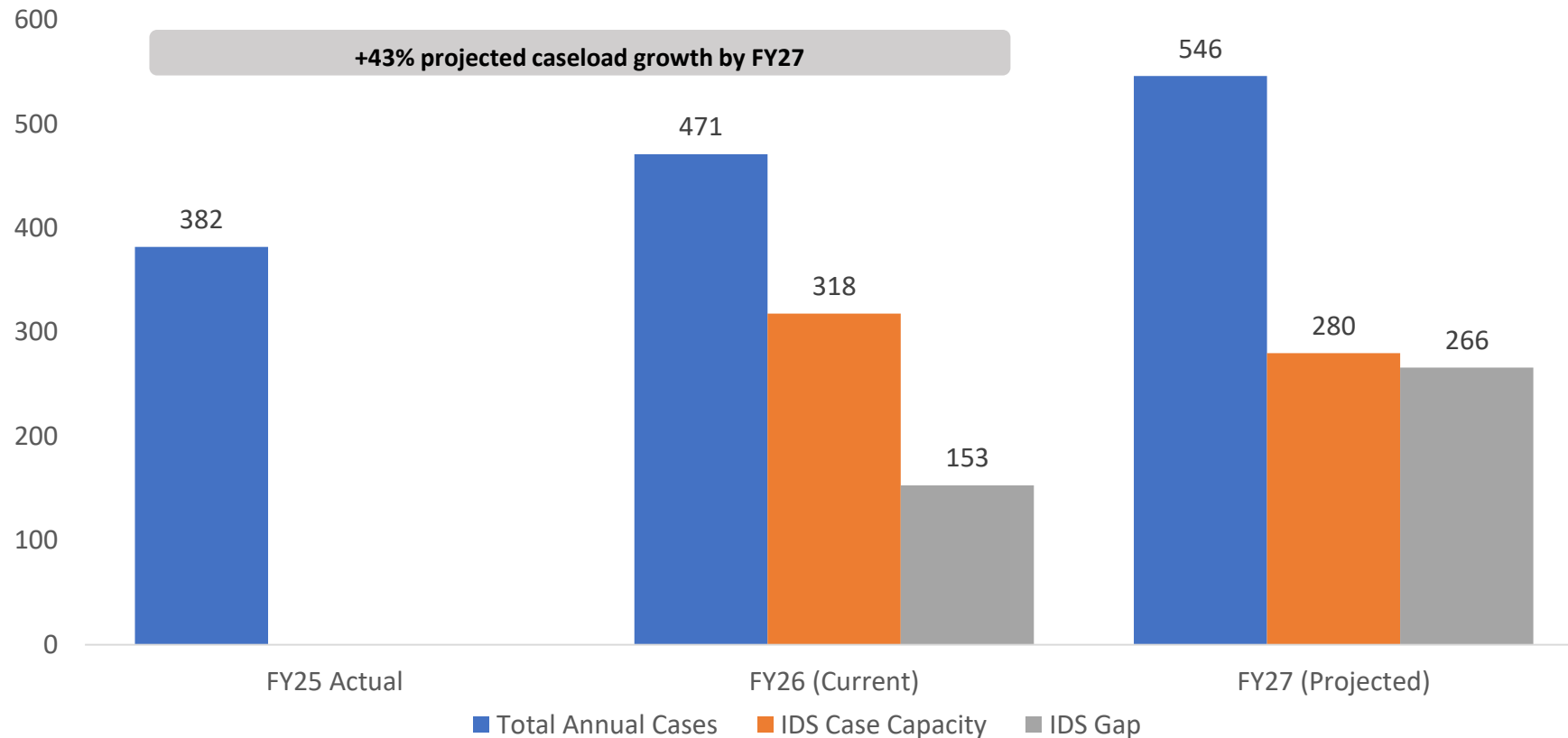
492 Case Credits = 4.10 Attorney FTE

Thurston County District Court IDS Implementation Model (FY26-32)



- The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners adopted a 10-year implementation plan for FY26-27, following with a 5-year hybrid caseload standards implementation model.
- This model reflects a 11.7%-13.6% reduction in cases FY26-27, then a 15.6% reduction for FY28-32 for full implementation. Reduction percentages may vary after annual caseload validation.
- **Depending upon the City of Tumwater IDS model, TCPD may require an additional FTE to support implementation efforts in 2027.**

IDS Implementation Caseload Growth/Staffing Capacity (FY25-27)



- FY26 Outpace: YTD actual total cases=256 (averaging 43/month). Projected to end FY27 around 471 cases, pushing current staff well beyond IDS target.
- FY27 Outlook: Total cases are estimated to be around 546 based on historical 16%-25% annual growth trends and year-two IDS implementation.

Next Steps

- City of Tumwater IDS Implementation Plan
- 2027 Defense Attorney FTE