

# CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

**DEPARTMENT:** Prosecuting Attorney's Office  
**DATE:** July 15, 2015  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** Add a 1.0 FTE Deputy Prosecuting Attorney position

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## BACKGROUND

A recent decision in the Supreme Court has set new standards for indigent defense, requiring them to hold more interviews, file more motions and document all activity on their cases. In response to this requirement, indigent defense has increased their contracts and the contractor has hired four additional attorneys for the purpose of meeting these new standards. The direct result is that the Prosecutor's Office is now obligated to respond to all of these new requests, placing additional strain on an already taxed workforce. Since December of 2014, the Prosecutor's office has seen a significant increase in the number of interviews requested, by as much as 500%. In order to keep up with the additional requirements and meet the obligations of the office, the Prosecutor needs to hire an additional attorney to meet this new demand.

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no administrative policy implications.

## COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no council policy implications.

## PREVIOUS REVIEWS AND ACTIONS

In the 2015/2016 budget adoption, the Prosecutor requested the addition of a 1.0 FTE Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to address the new workload.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

There were no community outreach efforts specific to this request.

## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
X		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

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**SUBMITTED BY: Tony Golik**  
**DATE: July 15, 2015**

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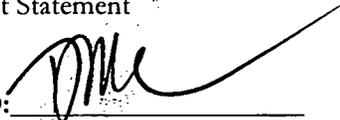
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Budget Impact Statement

APPROVED:   
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: July 28, 2015

SR# SR 152-15

# BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

## Part 1: Narrative

The Prosecutor's Office recognizes that funds are in short supply and has adopted some strategies to reduce the overall financial impact of this request. During the supplemental budget process, the Prosecutor requested and received a Deputy Prosecutor II position. The Prosecutor wishes to reclassify this position to a Deputy Prosecutor I position and has filled the vacancy accordingly, which resulted in a cost savings of \$28,661. In addition, the Prosecutor would like to move money that had been earmarked for the cost of legal interns from his controllables budget to salaries and benefits in the amount of \$67,464.

## Part 2: Budget Impact

Expenditure: Salary and benefits

Fund	Dept	Obj	Expense change Year 1	Expense change Year 1	Expense change Year 2	Expense change Year 3	Expense change Year 4	Expense change Year 5	Expense change Year 6	One time or continuing
0001	270	110	\$31,130		\$74,712	\$74,712	\$74,712			
0001	270	110	-\$10,116		-\$20,232	-\$20,232	-\$20,232			
0001	270	417	-\$22,488		-\$44,976	-\$44,976	-\$44,976			
Total			-\$1,474		\$9,504	\$9,504	\$9,504			

Revenue

Fund	Dept	Obj	Revenue change Year 1	Revenue change Year 1	Revenue change Year 2	Revenue change Year 3	Revenue change Year 4	Revenue change Year 5	Expense change Year 6	One time or continuing
Total										

## Part 3: FTE Profile Over Time

# FTE	Type	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1.0	DPA I	1	1	1	1	1	1

Year 1 estimated start date for employees: August 1, 2015