

## **2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

**OFFERED IN:** House Finance Department of Law Budget Subcommittee

**TO:** HB 286

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Matt Claman

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Law

**APPROPRIATION:** Civil Division

**ALLOCATION:** Commercial and Fair Business

**ADD:** 187.0 1004 Gen Fund (UGF)

**Line Items:** 147.7 Personal Services

0.5 Travel

35.1 Services

3.1 Commodities

0.6 capital outlay

**POSITIONS:** ADD 1 PFT Attorney IV

### **EXPLANATION:**

This amendment adds one attorney position with \$187.0 UGF funding to the Consumer Protections (CP) unit. This unit, currently staffed with only two attorneys, pursues violations of state consumer protection statutes. Beyond protecting the public from illegal actions, the unit recovers money from settlements and other legal matters. An additional attorney will increase the unit's ability to pursue consumer protections and may even pay for itself as a result of increased recoveries.