

Title of Report: Report to Legislature on Certain State Bar Expenditures (2018-2022)

Statutory Citation: Business and Professions Code section 6034.1(f)

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The State Bar has submitted a report to the Senate and Assembly Committees on Judiciary in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6034.1(f). This statute directs the State Bar to report on the total of all funding spent since 2018 to study the creation of a regulatory sandbox or the licensing of nonattorneys as paraprofessionals, disaggregated by year, by source of funding, and by the use of funding, including, but not limited to, salaries, travel, food and beverage, facility rental, and lobbying. The following summary of the report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

The report is in the form of a <u>workbook detailing State Bar expenditures</u> associated with three different working groups: The Task Force on Access Through the Innovation of Legal Services (ATILS; 2018-2020), the California Paraprofessional Program Working Group (CPPWG; 2020-2022), and the Closing the Justice Gap Working Group (CTJGWG; 2021-2022) (collectively, "Assessing Ways to Increase Access to Legal Services"). Some additional time, unassociated with these particular efforts but considered overall planning time, including preparation for meetings of the Board of Trustees, is also included. The total cost of across all three programs for this five-year period is estimated at \$552,452.83, of which approximately 40 percent comprised in-kind staff support. All funds were expended from the State Bar's General Fund.

For context, over the same period these costs represent .05% of the State Bar budget, .2% of the Office of Chief Trial Counsel (OCTC) budget, .9% of the State Bar Court budget, 36% of the cost of mandatory State Auditor reports, and 76% of the cost of other mandated audits:

Assessing Ways to Increase	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Totals
Access to Legal Services	12,569	87,362	102,364	252,122	98,037	552,453
State Bar Budget	176,000,000	188,900,000	242,400,000	194,700,000	256,800,000	1,058,800,000
OCTC Budget	34,835,400	36,839,000	63,309,621	60,721,384	61,498,806	257,204,211
State Bar Court Budget	7,988,400	7,524,600	13,690,010	13,858,164	14,267,214	57,328,388
California State Auditor Expenses		500,000		500,000	500,000	1,500,000
Other Required Audits	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	257,000	757,000

The full report is available for download on the State Bar's website at: https://www.calbar.ca.gov/About-Us/Our-Mission/Protecting-the-Public/Reports. A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 213-765-1000.