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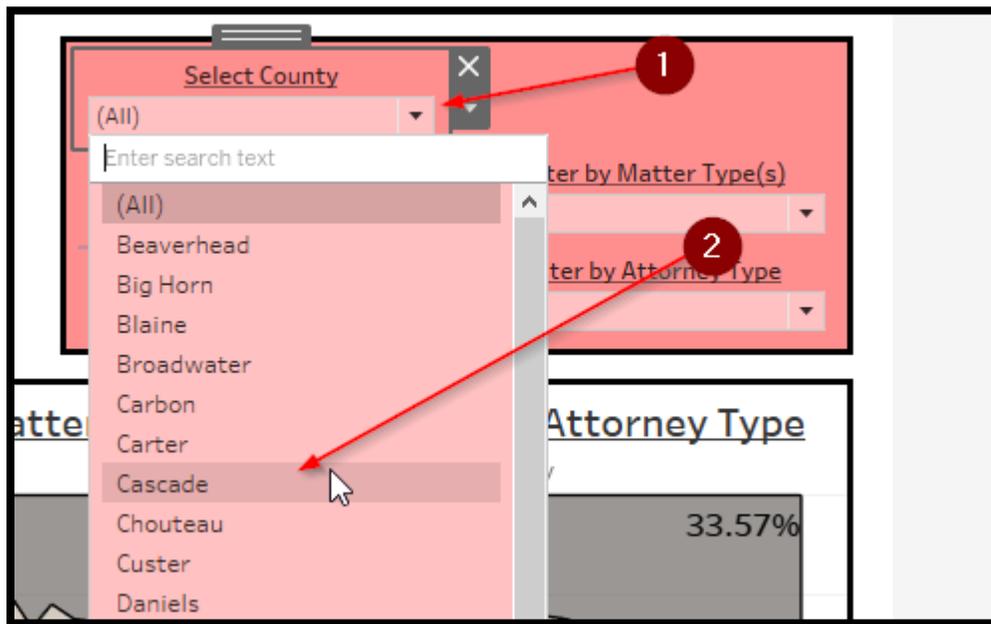
Response to Interim Budget Committees Supplemental Requests from the March 15, 2022 Hearing

1. Supplemental Requests Dashboard

As several members requested supplemental information from OPD regarding a specific county, city, or court, OPD has chosen to provide the committee with an interactive dashboard to allow members to easily navigate and filter OPD's data to the county, city, or court of their choice.

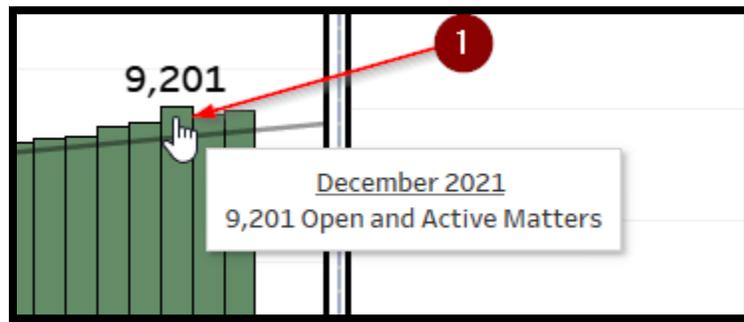
The dashboard may be accessed here: [Interim Committee's Supplemental Requests Dashboard](#)

Upon loading, the dashboard will display agency-wide data, which may then be filtered using the dropdown menus in the top right corner of the dashboard as shown below:



The data may be filtered by County, City, Court, Matter Type(s), and Assigned Attorney Type. Selecting, for example, Cascade County, will show data for all cities and courts in Cascade County, unless they are further filtered. Selecting, for example, Flathead County Justice Court, however, will show *only* data from that court. Please note when filtering to FTE Attorney assignments that these charts displays the *actual number* of assignments and not *averages*, and as OPD has experienced an increase in FTE attorney vacancies, we see the volume of work assigned to FTE attorneys decrease (with a similar rise in the volume of work assigned to Contract attorneys). With fewer FTE attorneys available there will necessarily be fewer matters assigned to FTE attorneys.

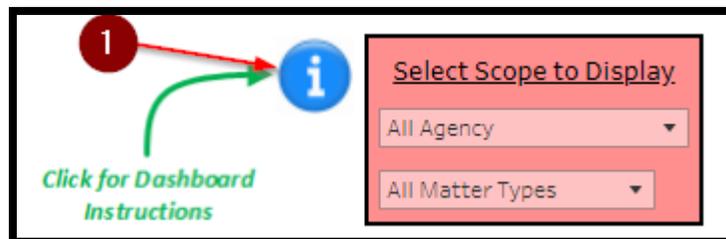
Once a selection is made, the dashboard will adjust to display data to the selected county, city, court, matter type(s), and assignment types. The minimum and maximum value per chart is labeled, and hovering one's mouse over any chart will display more information, as shown in the screenshot below:



OPD hopes the committee finds this dashboard valuable and easy to use in answering members' questions.

2. OPD FY 2021 Interactive Data Discovery Dashboard

During testimony, several references were made to OPD's [FY 2021 Interactive Data Discovery Dashboard](#), and OPD would like ensure all members have had an opportunity to review this dashboard as well. Specific instructions to the dashboard may be found by clicking the blue info button as shown below:



3. Requests for Additional Documents

Please find attached to this response two additional documents requested by the committee:

- A copy of the *Writ of Certiorari* filed with the Montana Supreme Court regarding the contempt order out of the Yellowstone County District Court; and,
- A copy of what was provided to the Office of Budget and Program Planning to unlock OPD's contingency funding in the current biennium.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to OPD with any further comments, questions, or concerns.

Best,

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