

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 9:00 AM
To: elena@judgewatch.org

Subject: Re: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2026-27

Attachments: [Rules and Regulations relating to Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records - January 2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated January 23, 2026 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

You are requesting..." a copy of Governor Hochul's "recommendations", if any, pertaining to the Legislature's and Judiciary's budgets for fiscal year 2026-2027 and, presumably, furnished to them".

Please be advised your request is overly broad and vague in nature. However, if you provide additional clarification and specificity in relation to the information you are seeking, it would be helpful to our office in attempting to fulfill your request.

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information. Appeals must be directed to Counsel to the Majority, at the email address Foilappeal@nysenate.gov.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.
Secretary of the Senate

FOIL-BSR

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TO: Governor Hochul's FOIL Counsel/Records Access Officer Christopher Ritchey
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[Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution](#) empowers the Governor to make "recommendations" to the Legislature pertaining to the legislative and judiciary budgets.

The website of the Governor's Division of the Budget, www.budget.ny.gov, posts the Governor's combined [Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.9001/A.10001, dated January 20, 2026](#), that she submitted to the Legislature, but seemingly no "recommendations" by her pertaining thereto.

Consequently, pursuant to FOIL [[Public Officers Law Article VI](#), [Senate Rule XIV](#), [Assembly Rules VIII](#), [Chief Administrator's Rules Part 124](#)], this is to request a copy of Governor Hochul's "recommendations", if any, pertaining to the Legislature's and Judiciary's budgets for fiscal year 2026-2027 and, presumably, furnished to them.

Thank you.

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