

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6413 SB PL	<b>Title:</b> Landlord-tenant provisions	<b>Agency:</b> 055-Admin Office of the Courts
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Account	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
Counties					
Cities					
<b>Total \$</b>					

### Estimated Expenditures from:

**Non-zero but indeterminate cost. Please see discussion.**

*The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.*

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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## **Part II: Narrative Explanation**

### **II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact on the Courts**

Please see attached Judicial Impact Note (JIN).

### **II. B - Cash Receipts Impact**

### **II. C - Expenditures**

## **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

## **Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

## **Part II: Narrative Explanation**

This bill would provide that a court may order an unlawful detainer action to be of limited dissemination for one or more persons if:

- The court finds the plaintiff's case was sufficiently without basis in fact or law;
- The tenancy was reinstated; or
- Other good cause exists for limiting dissemination of the unlawful detainer action.

### **Part II.A – Brief Description of what the Measure does that has fiscal impact on the Courts**

A new section would be added to RCW 59.18 (Residential landlord – tenant act):

Section 3(1) – A court may order an unlawful detainer action to be of limited dissemination for one or more persons if: (a) the court finds that the plaintiff's case was sufficiently without basis in fact or law; (b) the tenancy was reinstated under RCW 59.18.410 or other law; or (c) other good cause exists for limiting dissemination of the unlawful detainer action.

Section 3(2) – An order to limit dissemination of an unlawful detainer action must be in writing.

### **II.B - Cash Receipt Impact**

No cash receipt impact.

### **II.C – Expenditures**

Indeterminate, but less than \$50,000 per year.

Section 3 would allow the court to order that the unlawful detainer action fall under limited dissemination if the plaintiff's case was without basis in fact or law, the tenancy was reinstated, or other good cause. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) assumes that when an unlawful detainer action is adjudicated after the effective date of this bill and the adjudication is dismissed, tenancy reinstated, or other good cause found, the court will order limited dissemination at that time. Therefore the AOC does not anticipate a significant number of the cases adjudicated after the effective date of the bill to return to court for a follow-up hearing. However, there may be new cases following the effective date of this bill, but impact is expected to be minimal.