

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1093 HB	<b>Title:</b> Unmanned aircraft	<b>Agency:</b> 055-Admin Office of the Courts
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## Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost. Please see discussion.

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.*

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- ☐ 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.
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- ☐ 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**

This bill would create a new chapter in title 14 RCW [Aeronautics], which sets forth procedures for use of unmanned aircraft systems and personal information acquired from that use.

Sections with potential court impact:

Section 4 is a new section that would prohibit the operation of an unmanned aircraft with the intent to capture any type of personal information of another person for an illicit purpose and not in compliance with federal and state statute.

Section 5 would make a violation of Section 4 a misdemeanor.

Section 6 would establish a civil cause of action for a person to recover damages of \$5,000 against a person operating an unmanned aircraft in violation of the law if the person's privacy is violated.

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

There are potential fine revenues that may result from the bill. Each misdemeanor crime is subject to up to a \$1,000 fine. The bill would create a new misdemeanor crime (Section 4) and there may be some increase in the number of misdemeanor charges and accompanying fines.

There is no data available to predict the number of fines that might be levied as a result of the bill.

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

There are potential expenditure impacts on courts of limited jurisdiction (district and municipal) for hearing additional misdemeanor cases that may result from the bill. There is no data to estimate the number of potential cases. Each additional case would require judicial officer time and support staff time to hear the case.

It is not possible to predict the number and complexity of civil cases that may result from the new cause of action found in Section 6 of the bill. These cases could be heard in any court, but are most likely to be heard in district and some municipal courts.

## **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

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