

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

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| Bill Number: 1104 HB | Title: Interference w/ag production | Agency: 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.

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

This bill creates a new gross misdemeanor crime for interference with agricultural production, punishable with a sentence of up to 364 days and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000. In addition to the base penalty, the court may further fine a person that causes economic or physical injury during the commission of the crime up to double the amount of the victim's loss.

Section 1 provides definitions of the elements of the new gross misdemeanor crime, establishes the gross misdemeanor and allows the court to further fine a person that causes economic or physical injury during the commission of interference with agricultural production up to double the amount of the victim's loss.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

There are potential but unknown fine revenues possible under the bill. The maximum fine for the new gross misdemeanor crime is \$5,000, there is also a provision for further fines up to an amount double any economic or physical injury to a victim. There is no data to predict the number of charges leading to fines, or the amount of fines that may be levied against persons convicted of the crime.

II. C - Expenditures

There is no data to predict how many charges may be filed for the new gross misdemeanor crime defined in the bill. Misdemeanor cases are heard in district and municipal courts.

It would take more than 400 cases to exceed \$50,000 in court related costs annually. These include judicial officer time, and support staff time.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact