

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1312 HB	Title: Bail forfeiture exoneration	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.

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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

A new section is added to RCW 10.19 that would require the court to vacate forfeiture and exonerated the bond on terms that are just, where a defendant is in custody beyond the jurisdiction of the court that ordered the bail forfeited and the prosecuting agency elects not to seek extradition in a signed affidavit after being informed of the location of the defendant.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

There is insufficient judicial data to estimate how many bail forfeitures would be released by the courts.

II. C - Expenditures

Based on input from the courts, there would not be a large volume of hearings if this legislation passes. One estimate was no more than one or two hearing per year for a large court. However, any hearings that were required could be lengthy. The estimate provided by the judges was 90 minutes for a hearing. The \$50,000 expenditure level represents approximately 84 hours (0.07 FTE) of superior court judicial officer time annually cumulative for all superior courts in the state with associated support staff and operational costs. This equates to approximately 60 hearings statewide. It is assumed, therefore, that this bill would require more than 84 hours of judicial officer time statewide on an annual basis.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact