

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

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| Bill Number: 1332 HB | Title: Traffic safety cameras | 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.
- ☐ 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

RCW 46.63.170 (2) would be amended to limit the monetary penalty for any violation detected by an automated traffic safety camera to \$25.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

There is limited information on the revenue receipted by the municipal courts for traffic safety camera violations. Using the information for four municipalities, the citations range from \$124 to \$250. Using the baseline of \$124 per citation, if the fine is limited to \$25, they would collect approximately 20% of the revenue they currently collect. For the four municipalities, an average of \$4,180,910 was collected per year over a four year period. With the reduced fine, the amount that would be collected is \$836,182 (\$4,180,910 x 20%). The loss in revenue would be \$3,344,728 annually just for these four municipalities. There are other municipalities who also use traffic safety cameras so the loss in revenue would be much higher on a statewide basis.

II. C - Expenditures

It is assumed there would be fewer requests for court hearings if the fine was limited to \$25. There is no information regarding how many people received a traffic safety camera citation and how many of those request a court hearing. Any court time saved would be used to alleviate the backlog that the courts currently have.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact