

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1536 S HB	<b>Title:</b> Emergency detentions	<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.*

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- ☒ 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 would amend the time allotted to the designated mental health professional to examine a person taken to a facility for an involuntary mental health evaluation.

SHB 1536 changes slightly the way the 12-hour period is computed, but would not change the financial impact to the courts .

Sections with potential court impact:

Section 1 of both versions of HB 1536 would amend RCW 71.05.153 to change the time allotted to the designated mental health professional (DMHP) to examine a person taken to a facility for an involuntary mental health evaluation . Currently, the DMHP must examine the person within 12 hours of the person's arrival at the facility . HB 1536 would change the start of the 12 hour period to the time of the person's medical clearance. SHB 1536 would retain the person's arrival at the facility as the start of the 12-hour period, but time prior to medical clearance would not be included. SHB 1536 would also define "medical clearance."

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

No revenue is expected from the changes in this bill.

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

Based upon information provided and input from the courts, it is assumed that there would be some financial impact to the superior courts statewide from the amendments and provisions in this substitute bill. The courts which do not currently have a problem with timely evaluations will see no impact. The courts in a few counties with the problem may see an increase in the length of time spent per case as there will be fewer dismissals.

There is no available data to enable an estimate of the increase in court time that would be needed . However, it is assumed that the impact would be less than \$50,000 per year. 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 . It is assumed, therefore, that this bill would require less than 84 hours of judicial officer time statewide on an annual basis .

## **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

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