

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1610 HB	<b>Title:</b> Jury service	<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:

COUNTY	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties	51,200	51,200	102,400	102,400	102,400
Counties Subtotal \$	51,200	51,200	102,400	102,400	102,400
CITY	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					
Local Subtotal \$	51,200	51,200	102,400	102,400	102,400
Total Estimated Expenditures \$	51,200	51,200	102,400	102,400	102,400

*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

This bill addresses excusals for juror service and optimal jury terms and would decrease the period of time for jury terms and juror service.

Section 1(10) would require a jury term to not exceed 2 weeks. Current law requires a jury term to not exceed 1 month.

Section 1(11) would require jury service (the period of time a juror is required to be present at the court facility) to not exceed 1 week. Current law requires jury service to not exceed 2 weeks except to complete a trial.

Section 2(3) would require a juror to be excused if they served at least 1 week in the last year. Current law requires a juror to be excused if they served at least 2 weeks in the last year.

Section 3(2) would require the optimal jury term to be 1 week or less. Current law requires the optimal jury term to be 2 weeks or less.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

### II. C - Expenditures

This bill would increase workload and double mailing costs for most small and medium courts. Based on input from superior and district court administrators and county clerks, most counties estimate mailing costs to double due to increasing the number of mailings, a significant increase in workload, an increase in travel reimbursement for jurors and increases in other juror management costs. Eight of the counties estimated an increase in mailing costs totaling \$25,600 per year. It is assumed that at least another eight counties would also have the same increase in mailing costs resulting in an estimate of \$51,200 per year in increased mailing costs.

The estimated increase in workload cannot be quantified at this time, however many counties indicated that additional staff would need to be hired to handle the increase in the number of jury terms.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (State)

<i>State</i>	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Wages					
Employee Benefits					
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services	51,200	51,200	102,400	102,400	102,400
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
<b>Total \$</b>	51,200	51,200	102,400	102,400	102,400

**III. B - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (County)**

<b><i>County</i></b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>2015-17</b>	<b>2017-19</b>	<b>2019-21</b>
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Benefits					
Capital					
Other					
<b>Total \$</b>					

**III. C - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (City)**

<b><i>City</i></b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>2015-17</b>	<b>2017-19</b>	<b>2019-21</b>
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Benefits					
Capital					
Other					
<b>Total \$</b>					

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**