

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1800 S HB	Title: Parental rights termination	Agency: 055-Admin Office of the Courts
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Part I: Estimates

☒ **No Fiscal Impact**

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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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact on the Courts

The substitute version of the bill:

RCW 13.34.138 (2)(d) would be amended. Currently (2)(d) states that: The court at the review hearing may order that a petition seeking termination of the parent and child relationship be filed. The amendment would add the following: If the court determines that the child has been in out-of-home care for at least twelve consecutive months following the filing of a dependency petition and the parent has had no contact with the department or any service providers identified in the department's case plan, the court shall order that a petition seeking termination of parent and child relationship be filed unless the court makes a good cause exception based on the factors described in RCW 13.34.145.10.

The change is to the language regarding the parent contact during the 12 months. There is no change to the judicial impact.

The original bill:

RCW 13.34.138 (2)(d) would be amended. Currently (2)(d) states that: The court at the review hearing may order that a petition seeking termination of the parent and child relationship be filed. The amendment would add the following: If the court determines that the child has been in out-of-home care for at least twelve consecutive months following the filing of a dependency petition and the parents have been noncompliant with court-ordered services and have made no progress towards correcting parental deficiencies, the court shall order that a petition seeking termination of parent and child relationship be filed unless the court makes a good cause exception based on the factors described in RCW 13.34.145.10.

Based on input from the courts, it is assumed that there would not be an increase in judicial workload as a result of the provisions of this bill. The only change would be that DSHS may file termination petition filings with the court sooner rather than later.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

II. C - Expenditures

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact