

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1885 P 2S HB 1885 S2AMH_KLIP_ H.2762_1	<b>Title:</b> Property crimes, impacts of	<b>Agency:</b> 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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- ☐ 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

The only change between this version of the bill and version H-2752.2 of PS HB 1885, is the new seriousness levels and the new sentencing grid created for property offenses are deleted. As a result, the criminal penalties for property offenses would remain the same as in current law, however such offenders would be subject to a period of community supervision.

This would not result in any additional judicial impact.

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None of the changes between version H-2752.2 of PS HB 1885 and 2SHB 1885 would result in additional judicial impact. The changes in sentencing requirements and seriousness levels would not result in additional workload for the courts.

Section 14(3)(g) would reduce the number of superior court judges serving on the sentencing guideline commission from four to two. This version of the bill would also remove the chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designee as a new ex officio member of the sentencing guidelines commission.

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2SHB 1885 judicial impact compared to SHB 1885 judicial impact:

2SHB 1885 no longer includes the requirement for Administrative Office for the Courts to establish a pretrial grant program. This new version of the bill would not have any judicial impact.

SHB 1885 would have:

- amended the Property Offense Sentencing Grid to:
  - increased the sentencing ranges in four cells;
  - included the median/midpoint of each range; and
  - included reference to community custody supervision in each applicable cell;
- increased theft of a motor vehicle, taking a motor vehicle without permission, and possession of a stolen vehicle to a seriousness level III; and
- required that the new sentences in the bill apply to those sentences imposed on or after July 1, 2015, regardless of the date of the offense.

The changes in sentencing requirements for property offenses would not result in additional workload for the courts.

Section 17 would require Administrative Office for the Courts (instead of the Washington Justice Commission) to establish a pretrial grant program.

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Original Bill:

This bill addresses the property crime rate in Washington.

The bill responds to the findings of the state justice reinvestment task force by:

- Changing sentencing policy to require supervision of certain people convicted of property offenses;
- Providing treatment, if needed, and programs to reduce recidivism; and
- Providing additional support to local governments and victims of property crime.

New Section 7 would add new sentencing requirements for property offenses.

Section 8 creates a table identifying the seriousness level of property offenses. The seriousness level of the property offenses included in the new table come from the current table under RCW 9.94A.515.

Using different sentencing requirements for property offenses would not result in additional workload for the courts.

Section 13 would create the Washington justice commission and would require two superior court judges to be voting members. The

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chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designee would be required to be an ex officio member .  
Serving as a voting member of the commission would be considered part of current duties of the appointed superior court judges .

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

## **II. C - Expenditures**

## **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

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