

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2043 HB	<b>Title:</b> Guardianships maximum fee	<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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## **Part II: Narrative Explanation**

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

RCW 11.92.180 would be amended to read: The superior court may allow guardianship fees and administrative costs in an amount set out in an order. For orders that establish or continue a legal guardianship for a client of the department of social and health services, and requires a future review or accounting, then: (1) The amount of guardianship fees may not exceed fifteen percent of the incapacitated person's monthly income or one hundred seventy-five dollars per month, whichever is less; (2) The amount of administrative costs directly related to establishing a guardianship may not exceed seven hundred dollars; and (3) The amount of administrative costs may not exceed a total of six hundred dollars during any three-year period .

Based on input from the courts, changing the statute may cause a decrease in guardians to take the cases if the fees are reduced . In addition, if the administrative fees include attorney's fees, there may be more pro se hearings which adds to the time spent on hearings . However, additional hearing time would be minimal and the workload would be absorbed .

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

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

## **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

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