

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5059 S SB PL	Title: Patent infringement claims	Agency: 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					
Total \$					

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.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- ☐ 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

There are no changes in judicial impact between this version, 5059 SSB .PL, and 5059 SB.

5059 SB:

This bill would allow the Office Consumer Protection at the Attorney General to respond to bad faith patent infringement letters .
Providing definitions and asserting that a person may not make assertions of patent infringement in bad faith .

Section 3 of the bill sets forth items of information that courts may consider when reviewing a claim of bad faith patent infringement activities.

Section 4 authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action to enforce the provisions of the bill .

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None.

II. C - Expenditures

There may be small impacts on the courts for hearing cases filed by the Attorney General under the bill . The complexity and frequency of any cases is not known.

The Office of the Attorney General estimates two enforcement activities per fiscal year beginning July 1 , 2015. It is not clear whether these would lead to court cases.

Any court costs associated with this are indeterminate but expected to be below \$50,000 for court time and support staff time.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact