Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5072 S SB Title: Failing to summon assistance	Agency:	055-Admin Office of the Courts	
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Part I: Estimates

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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.

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

This bill would require that a person who is present when another person is injured must summon assistance.

Sections with potential court impact:

Section 1 would amend RCW 9A.36.160 to require that a person who is present when another person is injured (in addition to when the other person is a victim of a crime) must summon assistance if he or she can and no one else is summoning help. This crime continues to be a misdemeanor.

Section 2 would repeal RCW 9A.36.161, which made a violation of RCW 9A.36.160 a misdemeanor.

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

Based upon information provided, it is assumed that there would be minimal financial impact to the superior, district, and municipal courts statewide from the amendment in this bill. Judicial Information System data show that an average of fewer than 4 charges for Failing to Summon Assistance have been filed in the state in the last few years. While this bill could lead to more persons being subject to this misdemeanor, we expect few, and maybe zero, new misdemeanor charges per year. Thus, we expect no financial impact to the courts from this bill.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

II. C - Expenditures

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact