

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5501 S SB	<b>Title:</b> Animal cruelty prevention	<b>Agency:</b> 055-Admin Office of the Courts
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## Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost. Please see discussion.

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.*

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- ☐ 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 add a new section to RCW 16.52 that would add a class 2 civil infraction under RCW 7.80.120 to leave or confine any animal unattended in a motor vehicle or enclosed space if the animal could be harmed or killed by exposure to excessive heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or lack of necessary water.

RCW 9.08.070 would be amended to change the value of a pet animal from two hundred fifty dollars to seven hundred fifty dollars for the purposes of charges of gross misdemeanor.

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

There is the potential for revenue to be generated by the passage of this bill. The fine for a class 2 civil infraction is \$257 which includes statutory assessments. There is no data to use to determine how many new civil infractions would be given. If the entire amount was ordered and paid, it would take 195 cases statewide to recognize over \$50,000 in revenue.

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

There are possible court costs for courts of limited jurisdiction (district and municipal) for additional hearings related to the civil infractions, however, the costs are expected to be less than \$50,000. For the costs to be more than \$50,000, there would need to be approximately 3,500 new hearings per year.

## **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

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