

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5507 P S SB	Title: L&I fines & civil penalties	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

P S SB 5507 differs from SB 5507 by requiring Labor and Industries to pay reasonable attorneys fees and costs in addition to any fines and penalties to an employer upon a successful appeal.

This change would not add any additional impact to the courts.

Original Bill:

This bill would add a new section to Chapter 51.52 RCW requiring fines and penalties to be paid to employers that successfully appeal specific types of L & I decisions.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

none

II. C - Expenditures

PSSB 5507 would not add any additional expenditure impact to the courts.

Original Bill:

There may be small impacts on the courts for lengthened appeal hearings or additional hearings.

Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) data show approximately 1,600 audits with monetary penalties issued per year that could be subject to the bill. Of these 306 were appealed to the board, and only about four percent (12 cases) of those proceed to court under current statute (Department of Labor and Industries and the Board for Industrial Appeals).

Any increase in expenditures would be less than \$50,000 per year.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact