

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5530 SB	Title: Product subscriptions	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.

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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 create a new chapter in Title 19 RCW relating to subscription cancelation.

Section 1 would allow consumers who enter into a commercial subscription for a product to cancel or revoke the subscription by the same means as the original transaction, whether in-person, or by telephone, mail, or electronic means.

Section 2 would make violation of Section 1 of the bill to be an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce subject to the Consumer Protection Act. The section would allow a person suffering financial injury from a violation of Section 1 to bring a civil action in superior court to recover actual damages and up to three times actual damages at the court's discretion.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

none

II. C - Expenditures

There may be limited impacts to superior courts for cases arising from the new civil action described in Section 2 of the bill. There is no data to predict the number of cases or the complexity, but it is assumed that the cases will require minimal court time.

The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for enforcement, that office expects that trials would be rare and that settlement would occur in most cases.

In order to exceed the \$50,000 level the superior courts would need to hear over 85 cases annually.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact