

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5647 SB	Title: Guardianship facilitators	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	60,140	60,140	120,280	120,280	120,280
Cities					
Total \$	60,140	60,140	120,280	120,280	120,280

Estimated Expenditures from:

COUNTY	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal \$					
CITY	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					
Local Subtotal \$					
Total Estimated Expenditures \$					

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

A new section would be added to RCW 11.88 to read as follows:

A county may create a guardianship courthouse facilitator program to provide basic services to pro se litigants in guardianship cases . The legislative authority of any county may impose user fees or may impose a surcharge of up to twenty dollars, or both, on superior court cases filed under chapters 11.88, 11.92, and 73.36 RCW to pay for the expenses of the guardianship courthouse facilitator program. Fees collected under this section shall be collected and deposited in the same manner as other county funds are collected and deposited, and shall be maintained in a separate guardianship courthouse facilitator account to be used as provided in this section .

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

These are the assumptions that were used for the purposes of this judicial impact:

- 1) The number of case filings with no attorney from 2010 - 2014 averages 1,122 annually. If 50% of those filing without an attorney request the facilitator service, then an average of 561 people could be assessed the maximum surcharge of \$20 prior to the filing fee . The total potential revenue would be \$11,220. (561 x \$20 = \$11,220)
- 2) There are currently 9,784 cases that are still open where there is no attorney of record on the case . If 50% of those request the facilitator service, then an average of 4,892 people could be assessed the maximum surcharge of \$20. It is further assumed that 50% of 4,892 would need the service on an annual basis, 30% on a biennial basis and 20% on a triennial basis. (50% - 2,446 x \$20 = \$48,920; 30% - 1,468 x \$20 = \$29,352 and 20% - 978 x \$20 = \$19,568. Total \$48,920)

These assumptions were based on statewide totals. Not all counties will offer the program and the percentages used were for illustrative purposes and could be higher or lower.

II. C - Expenditures

There is no expenditure impact to the courts or to AOC. It is assumed the revenue received would pay for the facilitator program.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (State)

<i>State</i>	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Wages					
Employee Benefits					
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services					
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
Total \$					

III. B - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (County)

<i>County</i>	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Benefits					
Capital					
Other					
Total \$					

III. C - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (City)

<i>City</i>	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Benefits					
Capital					
Other					
Total \$					

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact