

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2097 HB	Title: Revising the authority to charge fees in courts of limited jurisdiction.	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		22,000	22,000	44,000	44,000
Cities					
Total \$		22,000	22,000	44,000	44,000

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

<i>State</i>	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
FTE Staff Years					
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					
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					
Total \$					

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part II: Narrative Explanation

This bill would:

- authorize courts of limited jurisdiction (CLJs) to impose jury fees on every person convicted of a crime in a CLJ;
- authorize municipal courts to impose fees in civil and criminal actions;
- authorize fees in civil and criminal cases in municipal courts to be taxed.

Part II.A – Brief Description of what the Measure does that has fiscal impact on the Courts

If enacted this bill:

RCW 10.01.160 Section 1(2) – would be amended to authorize courts of limited jurisdiction (CLJs) to impose jury fees on every person who is convicted of a crime in the CLJ.

RCW 3.50.100 Section 2(1) – would be amended to allow fees in civil and criminal actions to be imposed in municipal courts.

RCW 35.20.030 Section 3 – would be amended to allow fees in civil and criminal cases to be taxed.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

The AOC reviewed jury trial data in the CLJs for the five-year period 2011 – 2015. During this period, there were an average of 1,002 jury trials per year. However, each jury trial may have multiple charges that qualify on the case, but not all charges result in a guilty (conviction) verdict.

Analysis of guilty (conviction) data shows that 878 cases during this period resulted in a guilty verdict. This is an average of 176 cases per year ($878/5 = 176$).

Juries in CLJs are six-person juries. Per RCW 36.18.016 3(b), jury fees for a jury of six are \$125. Thus, the resulting annual revenue can be estimated at $176 \times \$125 = \$22,000$.

II.C – Expenditures

Forms would need to be updated to include a “jury fee” line to the misdemeanor judgement and sentence form. Costs for this update to forms would be minimal.