

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2591 HB	Title: Dependency hearing notices	Agency: 055-Admin Office of the Courts
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

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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Part II: Narrative Explanation

This bill would require the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to provide foster parents with timely and adequate notice of their right to be heard before each dependency court proceeding.

The bill would require courts to make written findings regarding whether foster parents were notified of dependency court hearings, whether the court received a caregiver's report was received by the court, and whether the court provided the caregiver an opportunity to be heard. The bill would require the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to including in the Annual Dependency Report information regarding whether foster parents received timely notification of court hearings and whether caregivers submitted reports to the court.

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

RCW 13.34.096 would be amended (Section 1(2)) to require the courts to establish in writing after every hearing for which the department or supervising agency is required to provide notice to a child's foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, and caregivers whether the department provided adequate and timely notice, whether a caregiver's report was received by the court, and whether the court provided the caregiver with an opportunity to be heard in court.

RCW 13.34.820 would be amended (Section 2(2) and 2(3)) to require the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to submit an annual report to a representative of the foster parent association of Washington. The annual report would be required to include information regarding whether foster parents had received timely notification of dependency hearings and whether caregivers had submitted reports to the courts.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

No cash receipt impact.

II.C – Expenditures

The AOC would be required to submit an annual report that would include information regarding whether foster parents had received timely notification of dependency hearings and whether caregivers had submitted reports to the courts. The AOC would prepare the annual report utilizing a file review of appropriate cases to obtain notice information.

No expenditure impact.