

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2644 S HB PL	Title: Animal forfeiture	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.

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

Please see attached Judicial Impact Note (JIN)

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

II. C - Expenditures

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part II: Narrative Explanation

This bill would provide that upon a successful petition for return of an animal that has been removed from its owner's care, the animal must be surrendered to the owner, rather than delivered to the owner.

The bill would require a petition for return of a removed animal to be joined with a criminal action against the owner if the action is filed before a hearing on the petition, rather than before the time the animal is returned.

The bill would state that the authority of specified persons and entities to remove, adopt, euthanize, or require forfeiture of an animal is not limited by the forfeiture provisions and limitations on animal ownership in the criminal sentencing provisions related to animal cruelty.

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

This bill would amend technical details of statutes related to animal seizure and forfeiture.

No fiscal impact on the courts.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

No cash receipt impact.

II.C – Expenditures

No expenditure impact.