

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1251 HB	Title: Youth counsel/dependency	Agency: 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Account	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
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.

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.
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- 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

RCW 13.34.090 would be amended to state: (3) At all stages of a proceeding in which a child is alleged to be dependent, the child has the right to be represented by counsel and have counsel appointed for him or her by the court .

RCW 13.34.100 would be amended to strike the provision that a child who has turned twelve may be represented by an attorney . All children, regardless of age, would have the right to be represented by counsel and have counsel appointed for him or her by the court .

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

II. C - Expenditures

Based on information from judges and county juvenile department staff, more time would be needed for disposition hearings in agreed cases. The estimated time ranged from ten minutes to thirty minutes per case for thousands of cases . And it is estimated that this legislation would add two hours to fact finding hearings. The impact is not quantifiable and will be specific to the individual juvenile courts. The dockets are already full at the majority of the juvenile courts. The impact would mean that some dependency hearings may not meet the state and federal standards for optimal handling of dependency cases .

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact