

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 1486 SHB	Title: Wage Liens Wage Recovery Act	Agency: 055 – Admin Office of the Courts (AOC)
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
Total:					

Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
FTE – Staff Years					
Account					
General Fund – State (001-1)					
State Subtotal					
COUNTY					
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal					
CITY					
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

This bill would add a new section to RCW 60 to create the Washington Wage Recovery Act.

The bill would create a lien for wage claims. A wage claim is a claim for any unpaid wages, and any other compensation, interest, statutory damages, liquidated damages, or statutory penalties owed for a violation of state or federal law.

The bill would provide that a wage lien may be foreclosed upon in superior or district courts, subject to jurisdictional limitations as defined in the bill, and authorizes a court to order property sale; allows for costs and fees in foreclosure action.

The bill would authorize courts to order a fine up to \$1,000.

NOTE: This bill differs from 1486 HB by clarifying that the county auditor, instead of the Department of Licensing, sets the filing fees and records the notices of wage liens on vehicles and vessels filed with the county auditor.

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

Section 6 – Would provide that a wage lien may be foreclosed upon in Superior Court or District Courts, and authorizes a court to order property sale, and allows for order of costs and fees in foreclosure actions.

Section 7 – Defines release of the wage lien, and would authorize a fine of up to \$1,000 if the lien claimant acted unreasonably and in bad faith in refusing to file a release of the wage lien.

This bill could result in minimal impact to the courts due to potential for increased wage lien foreclosure actions. No data exists to estimate the amount of additional revenue from filing fees or the discretionary (up to \$1,000) civil fine created in Section 7, but it is expected to be minimal.

New account coding would be required. This could be managed within existing resources.