

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 1943 HB	Title: Child Welfare Court Proceedings	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 amend RCW 13.34 modifying court proceedings on a child's welfare, dependency of a child, termination of a child and parent relationship, and removing references to a supervising agency.

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

Section 1(4)(j) – Would allow court discretion to order examinations, evaluations or services.

Section 1(5)(c) – Would require a court to give great weight to child's length of stay and attachment to current provider.

Section 2(2)(b)(I)(A) – Would require that the permanency plan provided to the court must include if a parent is incarcerated and had a preexisting relationship with the child before the parent's incarceration, and address how a parent will participate in the case.

Section 3(1)(c) – Would require that a court shall weight the importance of establishing timely permanency for a child when considering a request for continuance and only if the continuance is in the best interest of the child.

Section 4(5)(b)(vi) – Would require that a court's assessment of incarcerated parent maintaining a meaningful role in child's life is based upon the parent's involvement in the child's life prior to incarceration or prior to filing of a dependency.

Section 4(17) – Would require that a court shall weigh the importance of establishing timely permanency for a child when considering a request for continuance of permanency planning hearing and only in the best interest of the child.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

No cash receipt impact.

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate, but expected to be minimal. The bill may increase some hearings by ten minutes, but there is no data available upon which to base an estimate.

Would require judicial training and update to specific dependency forms. This can be managed within existing resources.