

# JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5294 E2SSB	<b>Title:</b> Department of Corrections	<b>Agency:</b> 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
<b>Total:</b>					

**Estimated Expenditures from:**

	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
<b>STATE</b>					
FTE – Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund – State (001-1)					
State Subtotal					
<b>COUNTY</b>					
County FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal					
<b>CITY</b>					
City FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local – Cities					
Cities Subtotal					
Local Subtotal					
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures:</b>					

*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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## **Part II: Narrative Explanation**

A new chapter would be added to RCW 43 that would create the Department of Corrections ombuds.

Section 18 would establish a joint legislative task force to simplify criminal sentencing. Included in the membership would be a judge from the superior court judges' association and a staff person from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

Section 18(7) prevents travel reimbursement for non-legislative members. However, travel reimbursement exceptions can be granted under RCW 43.03, therefore costs would be incurred by both the AOC and the Superior Court Judges' Association. It is not possible to estimate the cost of travel associated with this task force. The task force would end July 1, 2020.

The bill would require the Department of Corrections (DOC) to develop a mandatory sentencing elements worksheet to be used by courts to identify and record the elements of a sentencing order. The bill would require DOC to consult with certain entities when developing the worksheet. The bill would require the AOC to include the mandatory sentencing elements worksheet in a specific section within its felony Judgment and Sentence forms. The bill would require courts to use the mandatory sentencing elements worksheet for all felony sentences imposed on or after January 1, 2018. The bill would authorize the DOC to petition the Court of Appeals for a review of a sentence according to the processes in current law in order to address a missing, incomplete, or illegible sentencing elements worksheet.

This version of the bill does not change the judicial impact from the previous version.