

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 5444 SB	Title: Assault Weapons Background Checks	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 require a person to be in possession of an assault weapon license in order to possess, manufacture, transport, purchase acquire, transfer, deliver, import, sell, or offer to sell an assault weapon or large capacity ammunition magazine.

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

This bill would amend RCW 9.41 to require a person to be in possession of an assault weapon license, including a background check, and creates new class C felonies, gross misdemeanor (Section 4), and misdemeanors.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

This bill would result in potential impact to both counties and cities because felony charges are heard in superior courts, and misdemeanor charges are heard in courts of limited jurisdiction.

There may be revenue collected for violations resulting from this bill. The maximum penalty for a class C felony is five years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine. The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor is 90 days in jail and/or a fine of \$1,000.

There is no data available to predict the amount of fine revenue resulting from this bill. The maximum fine is not always ordered, and not all fines are collected in full.

II.C – Expenditures

There are potential expenditure impacts on superior courts for hearing additional felony cases that may result from this bill. There are similar potential impacts to district and municipal courts of limited jurisdiction for hearing additional gross misdemeanor cases. There is no data available to estimate the number of potential cases. Each additional case would require judicial officer and support staff time to hear the case.

For illustrative purposes it is estimated that there would need to be more than 400 additional gross misdemeanor cases (first time offenses) resulting from the bill to exceed \$50,000 in annual court impact; or there would need to be more than 65 additional felony cases (subsequent offenses) to exceed \$50,000 in annual court impact.