

# JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5804 SB	<b>Title:</b> Animal Abuse Registry	<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:

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
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.*

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- 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).
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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

This bill would add a new chapter to RCW 16, creating an “animal abuse registry”. The bill would require the Washington State Patrol (WSP) to maintain a registry of persons convicted of certain crimes involving animal abuse. The bill would require court clerks to forward a copy of a person’s judgment for an animal abuse offense, home address, and other personal information to the WSP within sixty days. The bill would add a \$50 conviction fee imposed on those persons listed on the register.

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

Section 2(1) – The WSP would be required to maintain a registry of persons convicted of an animal abuse offense and make the registry available for inquiry to (a) all law enforcement, (b) veterinarians, (c) humane societies, animal shelters, animal-welfare organizations, and other groups involved in companion animal adoption program, and (d) animal breeders and retail operators that sell pets.

Section 2(2) – The registry of persons convicted of an animal abuse offense must include the person’s name, data of birth, residential address, all animal abuse convictions, and other identifying data that the WSP determines necessary for the public to properly identify the person.

Section 2(3) – The clerk of the court in which a person’s conviction for an animal abuse offense occurs must forward, electronically or otherwise, a copy of the judgment document of the conviction and other personal information to the WSP within sixty days of the date of the judgment.

Section 4(1) – An animal abuser who is subject to registration must be assessed a fee of \$50 at the time of the conviction.

Section 4(2) – The \$50 fee assessed under Section 4(1) must be used for the sole purpose of defraying the costs of administering the animal abuse registry.

### II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

Section 4 of this bill would require a \$50 conviction fee that would be assessed at conviction.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) reviewed data for a five-year period (2012 through 2016) for charges related to animal cruelty (RCW 16.52.205, 16.52.207, 16.52.117, and 16.52.190). Table I, below, summarizes this data.

**Table I – Animal Cruelty Charges 2012 – 2016<sup>1</sup>**

Charge	Statute	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Average
Animal Cruelty, 1st Degree	RCW 16.52.205	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
Animal Cruelty, 2nd Degree	RCW 16.52.207	19	14	13	43	14	103	21
Animal Fighting	RCW 16.52.117	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Poisoning Animals	RCW 16.52.190	0	1	0	0	2	3	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>24</b>

Based on this data, if a conviction is assumed for each charge the maximum revenue that would be generated on average would be approximately \$1,200 per year.

<sup>1</sup> Five-year averages are rounded up.

## **II.C – Expenditures**

Based on caseload data over the five-year period (2012-2016), fiscal impact to the courts would be minimal.