

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

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| Bill Number: 1723 SHB | Title: Hanford Occupational Disease | Agency: 055 – Administrative 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 |
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| 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 51.32 (industrial insurance). The bill would provide that for U.S. Department of Energy Hanford site workers, there would be a prima facie presumption that listed diseases and conditions are classified as occupational diseases under state law. The U.S. Department of Energy would be the responsible employer and would retain liability for claims.

The bill would provide that when a determination involving the presumption is appealed to any court and a claim for benefits is allowed, the court shall award all reasonable costs of appeal to the worker.

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

Section 1(2)(a) – Would provide that for U.S. Department of Energy Hanford site workers there exists a prima facie presumption that the diseases and conditions listed in subsection 3 of this bill would be classified as occupational diseases.

Section 1(5) – Would provide that when a determination involving the presumption established in this bill is appealed to any court and the final decision allows the claim for benefits, the court shall order that all reasonable costs of appeal, including attorney's fees and witness fees, be paid to the worker or their beneficiary by the opposing party.

No fiscal impact to the courts.