

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2258 HB	Title: Health Care Whistleblowers	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
Total:					

Estimated Expenditures from:

	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
STATE					
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 confidentiality of identity for a whistleblower who initiates, participates, or cooperates in good faith in an investigation or administrative proceeding regarding a complaint of improper quality of health care. The bill would extend the definition of "whistleblower" for a person who is a health care professional to include a health care provider or a medical care staff member at a health care facility.

The bill would provide a non-employee whistleblower who has been subjected to reprisal or retaliation to establish a cause of action to enjoin further violations and/or recover actual damages and costs. The bill would add revocation, suspension, or reduction of medical staff membership or privileges, absent the statutory sanction process, as a "reprisal or retaliatory action."

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

Indeterminate, but likely less than \$50,000 per fiscal year.

It is unknown how many civil filings would result from this bill, but it is expected to be minimal.