

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2509 EHB	Title: Mandatory Reporting of Abuse	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:

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 establish the crime of obstructing the duty of a mandatory reporter to make a report, and would classify the crime as a misdemeanor.

The bill would establish a civil infraction for failing to make a mandatory report due to negligence.

The bill would reduce the penalty from a gross misdemeanor to a misdemeanor for knowingly failing to make, or knowingly failing to cause to be made, a mandatory report.

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

Section 1(1)(a) – Would provide that every person who is required to make, or to cause to be made, a report pursuant to RCW 26.44.030 and RCW 26.44.040 (abuse of children) who knowingly fails to make, or who knowingly fails to cause to be made such a report would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 1(1)(b) – Would provide that any person who knowingly obstructs the duty of a mandatory reporter to make a report pursuant to RCW 26.44.030 and RCW 26.44.040 would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 1(2) – Would provide that a class 1 civil infraction may be issued pursuant to RCW 7.80 (civil infractions) to any person who is required to make, or to cause to be made, a report pursuant to RCW 26.44.030 and RCW 26.44.040, and fails to make, or fails to cause to be made, such report, due to negligence, which shall be served by a notice of infraction in accordance with infractions rules included in RCW 7.80.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate, but impact is expected to be minimal. There is no data available to estimate the number of infractions or misdemeanors that would result from this bill.

The law tables would need to be updated. This would be managed within existing resources.