

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2620 HB	Title: Initiative Review	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 provide a comprehensive review process before initiatives receive ballot titles.

The bill would:

- 1) Extend the time period in which initiative measures may be filed;
- 2) Increases the filing fee for initiative measures to \$500;
- 3) Requires a forty-five day review by the Office of the Code Reviser and Attorney General of proposed initiative language prior to submission to the Office of the Secretary of State;
- 4) Requires a twenty-eight day public notice and comment period on proposed initiative language prior to submission to the Office of the Secretary of State; and
- 5) Provides a process for challenging the constitutionality of proposed initiative measures before voter approval.

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

Section 5 – Would provide for a declaratory judgment action, alleging a proposed initiative is unconstitutional on its face, to be filed in Thurston County superior court within thirty days after its submission to the Office of the Secretary of State for assignment of a serial number. The court must issue its decision within 90 days.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

Indeterminate. It is unknown how many new filings would result from this bill, but impact is expected to be minimal.

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate. It is unknown how many new filings would result from this bill.

The review process established by this bill are administrative rather than judicial. The ninety-day deadline to hear and decide these matters could cause delays in resolution for other case types.