

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2731 HB	Title: Collection of Medical Debt	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 place limits on the collection of medical debt. No prejudgment interest would be allowed on medical debt. Interest or late fees on medical debt that is covered by charity care would also be prohibited. The bill would require that debtors be given notice of the right to request an itemized billing, and provided with such at billing at their request.

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

Section 5(1) – Would amend RCW 6.27.100 to provide that if a writ of garnishment is issued under an order or judgment for medical debt, the following statement must appear conspicuously in the caption: “This garnishment is based on a judgment or order for medical debt”.

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II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

Garnishment forms would need to be updated, and there may be a need for new writs for medical debt. This could be managed within existing resources.