

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2798 HB	Title: Baby Court Initiative	Agency: 055 – Admin 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		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
General Fund – State (001-1)		\$85,000	\$85,000	\$170,000	\$170,000
State Subtotal					
COUNTY					
County FTE Staff Years		6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25
Account					
Local - Counties		\$665,000	\$665,000	\$1,330,000	\$1,330,000
Counties Subtotal					
CITY					
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local – Cities					
Cities Subtotal					
Local Subtotal					
Total Estimated Expenditures:		\$750,000	\$750,000	1,500,000	\$1,500,000

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 create an initiative to support early interventions with substance-abusing parents through county treatment courts.

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

A new section would be added to RCW 2.56 that would require the family and juvenile court improvement grant program to (1) Develop standards for baby courts; (2) Develop a process where a superior court may apply for grant funds from the grant program to establish a baby court; (3) Distribute grant funds to support baby courts in five superior courts; (4) Develop and define the outcome measures for baby courts; (5) Collect outcome measure data that is included in an annual report that summarizes the results of baby courts during the previous year; and (6) Sponsor and coordinate training for judicial officers and other professionals that participate in baby courts receiving grant funding.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

No cash receipt impact.

II.C – Expenditures

The administrative office of the courts would require .5 FTE to administer and develop standards for baby courts, develop a grant application process to establish each court, distribute funds to five superior courts by January 1, 2019 and to manage the program. This would cost \$41,600 in salaries and \$14,400 for benefits for a total \$56,000. An additional .25 FTE would be required to research, develop and define outcome measures as well as to collect data and create an annual report by December 2020. This would cost \$24,100 in salaries and \$7,900 in benefits for a total \$32,000. An additional \$25,000 would be required to sponsor and coordinate training for judicial officers and other professional participants in baby court. The total cost for AOC would be \$113,000.

Pierce County has a baby court and are currently serving 12 cases. Based on the information from Pierce County, successful implementation requires a full-time baby court coordinator/guardian ad litem and .25 FTE for a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) at an estimated annual cost of \$128,000 per court. Further, it is estimated that an additional half day per month of court time would be required at a cost of approximately \$5,000 per year per court. The estimated cost per court per year would be \$133,000. Therefore the cost for five courts would be \$665,000.

The estimated total cost, based on each court receiving 20 cases would be \$778,000.