

# JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2938 HB	<b>Title:</b> Campaign Finance Enforcement	<b>Agency:</b> 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
<b>Total:</b>					

**Estimated Expenditures from:**

	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
<b>STATE</b>					
FTE – Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund – State (001-1)					
State Subtotal					
<b>COUNTY</b>					
County FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal					
<b>CITY</b>					
City FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local – Cities					
Cities Subtotal					
Local Subtotal					
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures:</b>					

*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 modify and amend statutes related to campaign finance disclosure and the authority of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

The bill would:

- Raise the PDC's penalty limit from \$10,000 to \$50,000;
- Change the procedures for filing a citizen's action to enforce the state campaign finance and disclosure laws;
- Change the penalties awarded in campaign finance and disclosure cases, including defendants paying costs in successful citizen's actions;
- Require the Office of the State Auditor to audit the reporting activities of political committees;
- Create an account for the administration of state campaign finance and disclosure law, and requires all penalties from enforcement actions under such law to be deposited in the account;
- Increase the reporting threshold for campaign debt from \$250 to \$500; and
- Provide a \$500,000 General Fund State appropriation to the PDC.

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

Section 5(4) through 5(8) – Would amend RCW 42.17A.765 to provide direction to courts regarding process, imposition of costs and fees, and dismissal.

Section 6 – Would amend RCW 42.17A adding a new section to create a new two-year time-limited cause of action.

### **II.B - Cash Receipt Impact**

None.

### **II.C – Expenditures**

Indeterminate, but expected to be minimal. This bill could potentially decrease court actions as the bill provides for intermediate administrative process prior to legal action.