

# JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

<b>Bill Number:</b> SB PL 5598	<b>Title:</b> Granting Relatives the Right to Request Visitation of Children	<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:

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
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

The bill would grant relatives the right to seek visitation with a child through the courts.

NOTE: This version differs from the original version by adding that a “Relative” does not include a person whose parental rights have been terminated, relinquished, or determined not to exist with respect to a child who is the subject of a petition under this chapter. This does not change the original impact to the courts or AOC.

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

A new chapter would be added to RCW 26 that would (1) allow a person who is not the parent of a child to petition for visitation with the child if: (a) The petitioner has an ongoing and substantial relationship with the child; (b) The petitioner is a relative of the child or a parent of the child; and (c) The child is likely to suffer harm or a substantial risk of harm if the visitation is denied. A “relative” does not include a person whose parental rights have been terminated, relinquished, or determined not to exist with respect to a child who is the subject of a petition under this chapter.

### II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None

### II.C – Expenditures

Based on input from subject matter experts, there are many relatives of children interested in this bill. It is estimated that contested hearings would take a minimum of two hours and many would take a full day. It is not possible to predict the number of filings. However, if only 45 people filed a petition and each of the hearings took two hours, the cost to the courts would be more than \$50,000.

The actual cost is indeterminate.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III.A – Expenditures by Object or Purpose

	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
FTE – Staff Years					
A – Salaries & Wages					
B – Employee Benefits					
C – Prof. Service Contracts					
E – Goods and Services					
G – Travel					
J – Capital Outlays					
P – Debt Service					
<b>Total:</b>					

### III.B – Detail:

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2018	FY 2019	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23
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<b>Total FTE's</b>						

#### **Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

None.

#### **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

None.