

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 6124 SB	Title: Commitment Hearings by Video	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 allow for involuntary commitment hearings to be conducted either in person or by video, or by any equivalent technology.

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

Section 1(22) – Would amend RCW 71.05.020 to define “hearings” as any proceeding in open court; and at any hearing the petitioner, witnesses, and presiding judicial officer may be present and participate either in person or by video. The term “video” would include any functional equivalent. At any hearing conducted by video, the judicial officer, counsel, all parties, and witnesses must be able to see, hear, and speak during the hearing. A court would be allowed by its own motion to require all parties and witnesses to participate in the hearing in person rather than by video. A court would be allowed to consider, among other things, whether a respondent’s alleged mental illness would affect the respondent’s ability to perceive or participate in the proceedings by video.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate, but court impact is expected to be minimal. Forms and appropriate Mental Proceedings bench books would need to be updated. Courts would need to ensure that retention schedules for video or digital format recordings of proceedings are updated and maintained. Some courts may not have appropriate video or viewing equipment / technology.