

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 6366 SB	Title: Coroner / Subpoena Authority	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 authorize a coroner to request a superior court to issue a subpoena to produce records during a death investigation. The bill would require these subpoenas to comply with court Civil Rule 45¹. The bill would authorize contempt of court for failure to obey a subpoena without an adequate excuse.

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

Section 1 – Would amend RCW 36.24 to provide that a coroner may, in the course of an active or ongoing death investigation, request that a superior court issue subpoenas for production of documents or other records. A subpoena for production would be required to comply with the requirements of Civil Rule 45 (CR 45). Failure to comply with a subpoena would be punishable as authorized in RCW 36.24.050 (contempt).

No fiscal impact to the courts.

¹ Civil Rule 45 (CR 45) is a court rule governing court orders in a civil case (subpoenas) that require a person to provide documentary evidence or testimony under oath at a specified place and time. CR 45 details the court's authority to require a response, sets notice requirements, explains the duty to obey the court's order, and the court's authority to hold the person in contempt of court for non-compliance with the order.