

# JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

<b>Bill Number:</b> HB 1531	<b>Title:</b> Medical Debt	<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 2020	FY 2021	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
<b>Total:</b>					

**Estimated Expenditures from:**

	FY 2020	FY 2021	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
<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).
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## **Part II: Narrative Explanation**

This bill would add a new section to RCW 70.54 pertaining to medical debt, would provide an interest rate cap on judgments for unpaid medical debt, and would amend RCW 6.32.010 pertaining to execution of judgments.

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

Section 1 – Would provide an interest rate cap on judgments for unpaid medical debt.

Section 8 – Would amend RCW 6.32.010 pertaining to execution of judgments. Would provide that a plaintiff may not seek a warrant for the arrest of a judgment debtor for any act or failure to act that arises out of or relates to a judgment for medical debt, unless the act or failure to act constitutes a crime under state law.

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

None.

### **II.C – Expenditures**

Judicial education would be required. This would be managed within existing resources.