

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 1422 ESHB	Title: Vulnerable Adults	Agency: 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
Total:					

Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2020	FY 2021	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
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 redefine an action or inaction as abusive if the conduct of an individual charged with the care of a vulnerable adult was intentional or reckless or if the individual knew or reasonably should have known that his or her conduct was likely to cause injury.

This bill would also establish information sharing between law enforcement and other state agencies and require the formation of a vulnerable adult abuse registry and quality assurance reviews by the Department of Social and Health Services.

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

Section 1(2) – Would redefine an action or inaction as abusive if the conduct of an individual charged with the care of a vulnerable adult was intentional or if the individual knew or reasonably should have known that his or her conduct was likely to cause injury.

Section (2) – Would change abuse to mean "willful" to "an intentional, knowing, or reckless" action or inaction that inflicts injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment on a vulnerable adult.

Section 4(2) – Would provide that a vulnerable adult who is the victim of stalking or an interested person on behalf of the vulnerable adult, may apply for stalking protection order under RCW 7.92.040.

Section 7 – Would state that a provider may not be employed in the care of and have unsupervised access to vulnerable adults if (2)(d) A court has issued an order that includes a finding of fact or conclusion of law that the provider has committed abused, abandonment, neglect, or financial exploitation of a minor or vulnerable adult.

Section 10 – Would provide an effective date of January 1, 2021 for Section 6 of this bill. All other sections would be effective 90 days *sine die*.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate, but expected to be minimal. There is a possibility of increased hearings and/or administrative proceedings, but it is unlikely to create a substantial impact to the courts.

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