

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2316 SHB	Title: Fees for Prostitution and Trafficking	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 increase the additional fee charged to a first-time offender found to have committed the crimes of Patronizing a Prostitute or Permitting Prostitution from \$1,500 to \$2,500; decrease the amount by which a court can reduce additional fees charged to a person who commits a prostitution or trafficking-related offense; eliminate the additional \$50 fee charged to a person who commits prostitution; and require five percent of fee revenues to be remitted to the Department of Commerce to be used for training through the Office of Crime Victim's Advocacy.

This bill differs from HB 2316 by removing the three percent of fee revenues to be remitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts. These amounts instead would be remitted to the Department of Commerce to be used to support training through the Office of Crime Victim's Advocacy.

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

Section 1(1)(b) – Would provide that a court may not reduce, waive, or suspend payment of all or part of the fee assessed unless it finds that the adult defender does not have the ability to pay, in which case it may reduce the fee by an amount up to one-half of the maximum allowable fee.

Section 1(2)(c) – Would provide that three percent of the revenue from fees imposed under this section shall be remitted quarterly to the AOC. This revenue would be required to be used for the sole purpose of supporting judicial training on the requirements of this section and the subject of victim-centered and trauma-informed practices in addressing trafficking.

Section 2(1) – Would increase the additional fee charged to a first-time offender found to have committed the crimes of Patronizing a Prostitute or Permitting Prostitution from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Section 3(4)(c) – Would provide that at the time of arraignment or a proceeding under subsection (6)(a) of this section, whichever is earlier, a court shall make a finding in writing as to the proper jurisdiction to receive the funds in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

Section 3(4)(c)(ii) - Would provide that five percent of the revenue from fees imposed under this section shall be remitted quarterly to the Department of Commerce. Of the revenues remitted to the Department of Commerce, at least sixty percent must be spent on training through the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

Indeterminate. It is unknown how many persons would be convicted of the crimes of Patronizing a Prostitute or Permitting Prostitution. Further, the maximum fine is not always ordered, not all fines are collected in full, and fines sometimes take years to collect.

II.C – Expenditures

This bill would require new account coding and revisions to existing accounting systems. These impacts would be managed within existing resources.

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