

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2317 HB	Title: Concerning Animal Welfare	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 amend and repeal certain statutes pertaining to animal welfare.

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

Section 1 – Would amend RCW 16.08.100 to remove the provision that entering a dog in a dog fight is a felony.

Section 4 – Would amend RCW 16.52.095 pertaining to dog mutilation to provide that it is a misdemeanor.

Section 6 – Would amend the crime of Animal Cruelty in 1st degree (RCW 16.52.205) and would require courts to enjoin animal ownership.

Section 7 – Would amend the crime of Animal Cruelty in the 2nd degree (RCW 16.52.207) to strike language regarding prosecution of Animal Cruelty in the 2nd degree in regards to affirmative defense (if established by the defendant that the defendant's failure was due to economic distress beyond the defendant's control).

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

The law tables would need to be updated. Judicial education would be required, and jury instructions updated. These impacts would be managed within existing resources.