

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2467 E2SHB	Title: Firearm Background Checks REVISED	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		5.0	2.5	5.0	5.0
Account					
General Fund – State (001-1)		666,000	666,000	1,332,000	1,332,000
State Subtotal		666,000	666,000	1,332,000	1,332,000
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:		666,000	666,000	1,332,000	1,332,000

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 establish a centralized single point of contact background check system for firearms transfers.

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

Section 1(1) – Would require the Washington State Patrol (WSP) to establish a firearms background check unit to serve as a centralized single point of contact for dealers to conduct background checks for firearms sales or transfers required under RCW 9.41 and the federal Brady handgun violence prevention act.

Section 1(6) – Would require WSP to work with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to build a link between the WSP firearm background check system and the AOC/court case management system for the purpose of accessing court records to determine a person's eligibility to possess a firearm.

Section 10 – Would provide an effective date for Section 6 thirty days after the WSP issues a notification to firearms dealers that a state firearms background check system is established.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

This bill would require the AOC to work with the WSP to build a link between the newly created WSP firearm background check system and AOC/court case management systems.

Firearms law and procedure is complex and becoming increasingly so as federal and state lawmakers adopt frequent adjustments to protect both public safety and individual rights. Establishing and maintaining a single point of contact in this rapidly changing and high public safety risk environment will require new business and technical resources at AOC.

Legal standards, eligibility and disqualification criteria, record privacy laws, sealing and destruction standards as well as supporting technology are in a constant state of flux. This necessitates a systematic and continuous approach to analyzing legal aspects of firearms related exchanges of court data, working with all the state's courts and clerks to promote best practices for data entry and reporting, configuring the statewide data repository and statewide case management systems to capture and report data as required, in addition to building and maintaining functional and secure data exchanges.

The following roles will be needed for the judicial branch to adequately implement and sustain the single point of contact system:

Staff	FTE	Annual Cost
Developer	1.0	\$152,000
Management Analyst	1.0	\$141,000
Administrative Assistant	1.0	\$86,000
Business Analyst	1.0	\$152,000
Senior Legal Analyst	1.0	\$135,000
Total	5.0	\$666,000

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III.A – Expenditures by Object or Purpose

	FY 2020	FY 2021	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
FTE – Staff Years		5.0	2.5	5.0	5.0
A – Salaries & Wages		466,200	466,200	932,400	932,400
B – Employee Benefits		199,800	199,800	399,600	399,600
C – Prof. Service Contracts					
E – Goods and Services					
G – Travel					
J – Capital Outlays					
P – Debt Service					
Total:		666,000	666,000	1,332,000	1,332,000