

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2519 HB	Title: Ammunition	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 create criminal offenses related to unlawful possession of ammunition and unlawfully delivering ammunition. The bill would provide that certain laws pertaining to firearms would also apply with respect to ammunition.

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

Section 2 – Would amend RCW 9.41 creating the crime of unlawful possession of ammunition as a gross misdemeanor.

Section 3 – Would amend RCW 9.41 applying the statutory provisions regarding waiver of firearms rights and surrender of weapons to ammunition.

Section 6 - Would amend RCW 9.41.080 to add ammunition, making it a class C felony to deliver to any person who is (1) ineligible under RCW 9.41.040 to possess a firearm, or (2) has signed a valid voluntary waiver of firearms rights.

Section 8 – Would provide that the sale of ammunition may only occur in a face-to-face transaction with the seller unless the purchaser is a dealer or an authorized law enforcement representative. Would provide that any violation of this section is not reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business and is an unfair and deceptive act of practice and an unfair method of competition in the conduct of trade or commerce in violation of RCW 19.86.020 (consumer protection act).

Section 9 – Would establish an effective date of January 1, 2021 for this bill.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

This bill would:

- Create the crime of unlawful possession of ammunition, and establish the crime as a misdemeanor.
- Create a class C felony for delivering ammunition to any person who is ineligible to possess a firearm or has signed a voluntary waiver of firearms rights.
- Require face-to-face sale of ammunition, and a violation of this requirement would constitute an actionable offense under the consumer protection act. This could increase litigation in superior courts.

There is no data available to estimate the number of violations that could occur, thus impact is indeterminate.

Judicial education would be required. Update to forms, jury instructions, and the law tables would be required. These impacts would be managed within existing resources.