

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2571 HB	Title: Fish and Wildlife Violations	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 modify the processes for managing fish, shellfish, and wildlife seized during fish and wildlife enforcement actions.

The bill would create an additional violation and would reorganize existing violations of Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) rules subject to civil penalties as a natural resource infraction.

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

Section 2(1) – Would provide that seized fish, shellfish, and wildlife may be returned to the environment or otherwise safely disposed of if storage is not practical under the circumstances, after the evidentiary value of the seized fish, shellfish, or wildlife has been preserved through photographs, measurements, biological samples, or other reasonable means. If an exculpatory value is clearly apparent in the seized fish, shellfish, or wildlife, and the exculpatory value is not otherwise reasonably obtainable, the fish, shellfish, or wildlife should be retained.

Section 3 – Would reorganize various RCW 77 infractions in statute.

Section 3(6)(d)(iii) – Would create an infraction for violating commercial use or activity permits, noncommercial use or activity permits, or parking permits (not Discovery Pass).

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

The law tables would need to be updated to reflect reorganized changes to RCW 77 infractions, and for the newly created infraction. The infraction bench book would require revision. Judicial education would be required. These impacts would be managed within existing resources.

This bill would create a new infraction for violating RCW 77 commercial use or activity permits, noncommercial use or activity permits, or parking permits (aside from Discovery Pass). There is no data available to estimate the number of new infractions that would result.