

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 2709 HB	Title: Food Benefit 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

The bill would repeal RCW 9.91.142 Food stamps – Trafficking and 9.91.144 Food Stamps - Unlawful Redemption and would amend RCW 9.91.140 Food Stamps – Unlawful Sale, moving the language from the repealed RCW's 9.91.142 and 9.91.144 to RCW 9.91.140.

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

Section 1- This bill would remove the language from 9.91.140 sections (1) and (2) and replaces it with:

Section 1(1) – A person who sells food benefits, or items purchased using food benefits would be guilty of; (a) a gross misdemeanor if the value of the benefits or items sold exceeds one hundred dollars; or (b) a misdemeanor if the value of the food benefits or items sold is less than one hundred dollars.

Section 1(2) – Would add the language if a person who knowingly uses, transfers, acquires, alters, or possesses food benefits in a manner that is contrary to Title 74 RCW would be guilty of; (a) a class C felony if the value of the food benefits exceeds one hundred dollars; or (b) a gross misdemeanor if the value of the food benefits is one hundred dollars or less.

Section 1(3) – Would make a person who presents, or causes to be presented, food benefits for payment or redemption, knowing the food benefits have been used in any manner in violation of Title 74 RCW or regulation issued pursuant to that title would be guilty of a class C felony.

Section 1(4) – Would define “food benefits” as any benefits where items are issued under a food assistance program under Title 74 RCW and are part of benefits issued under federally funded and/or state-funded food assistance programs.

Section 3 – Would repeal (1) RCW 9.91.142 Food Stamps-Trafficking and (2) 9.91.144 Food Stamps- Unlawful Redemption.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None

II.C – Expenditures

This bill would require an update to the law table, minor changes to court forms, and minor IT system changes. These impacts could be managed within existing resources.