

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 6307 SB	Title: Mass Violence Threats	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 the crime of Communicating a Threat of Mass Violence as a Class C felony, ranked as a Level IV on the sentencing grid. The bill would authorize law enforcement officers to seize firearms, ammunition, concealed carry permits, and other dangerous weapons with probable cause when there are reasonable grounds to believe they were used or threatened to be used in the offense or in plain sight or discovered during the conduct of a lawful search. The bill would protect public officials, employees, and agencies from liability for seizing or not seizing firearms, dangerous weapons, or ammunition unless they were acting with gross negligence or in bad faith.

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

Section 1 - Would create the crime of Communicating a Threat of Mass Violence. A person who commits the offense of Communicating a Threat of Mass Violence would be guilty of a Class C felony.

Section 3 - Would allow a peace officer to seize a firearm if there is probable cause to believe the crime of Communicating a Threat of Mass Violence has been committed.

Section 4 – Would provide immunity for a public employee, or public agency, or units of local government and its employees from civil liability for damages regarding seizure of a firearm.

Section 8 – Would provide that a person is guilty of the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm in the first degree if after having been previously been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity in Washington or elsewhere of communicating a threat of mass violence.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate. There is no data available to estimate the number of new offenses that would result from this bill.

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