

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 1167 HB	Title: Thurston Superior Court	Agency: 055 – Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
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Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Total:					

Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE – Staff Years	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Account					
General Fund – State (001-1)	110,217	165,325	275,325	330,650	330,650
State Subtotal	110,217	165,325	275,325	330,650	330,650
COUNTY					
County FTE Staff Years	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Account					
Local - Counties	66,558	99,837	166,395	199,674	199,674
Counties Subtotal	66,558	99,837	166,395	199,674	199,674
CITY					
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local – Cities					
Cities Subtotal					
Local Subtotal					
Total Estimated Expenditures:	176,775	265,163	441,938	530,325	530,325

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 authorize the increase of one superior court judge in Thurston County. The additional judicial position created by this bill would only be effective if Thurston County, through its duly constituted legislative authority, documents its approval of the additional position and agrees to pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of the additional judicial position as provided by state law and the state constitution.

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

Section 1 – Would authorize the increase of one superior court judge in Thurston County, increasing the number of judges from eight to nine.

Section 2(1) - Would provide that the increase of one additional superior court judge would only be effective if Thurston County, through their duly constituted legislative authority documents their approval of the additional position and their agreement that they will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of the additional judicial position as provided by state law and the constitution.

Section 2(2) – Would provide an effective date of November 1, 2021 for this bill.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None.

II.C – Expenditures

This bill would increase by the number of superior court judges in Thurston County by one.

The following assumptions were used to determine the fiscal impact of one additional superior court judge:

- The annual salary for a superior court judge is \$199,675 with benefits totaling \$65,488.
- The state pays fifty percent of the annual salary for a superior court judge and 100 percent of the benefit costs.
- The local government (counties) pay fifty percent of the annual salary for a superior court judge.
- The annual salary for a superior court judge in Fiscal Year 2022 will be \$133,116 with annual benefits that total \$43,659. This is adjusted based on the November 1, 2021 implementation date for this bill.

Tables I, II, and III below display the personnel costs for the superior court judge position proposed by this bill.

Table I – Total Cost, One Superior Court Judge, FY 2022

	State Share	County Share	Total Annual Cost
Salaries	66,558	66,558	133,116
Benefits	43,659	-	43,659
Total	110,217	66,558	176,775

Table II – Total Cost, One Superior Court Judge FY 2023

	State Share	County Share	Total Annual Cost
Salaries	99,837	99,837	199,675
Benefits	65,488	-	65,488
Total	165,325	99,837	265,163

Table III – Total Biennial Cost

	State Share	County Share	Total 2021-2023 Cost
Salaries	166,395	166,395	332,791
Benefits	109,147	-	109,147
Total	275,542	166,395	441,938

Part III: Expenditure Detail**III.A – Expenditures by Object or Purpose**

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE – Staff Years	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0
A – Salaries & Wages	133,116	199,675	332,791	399,349	399,349
B – Employee Benefits	43,659	65,488	109,147	130,976	130,976
C – Prof. Service Contracts					
E – Goods and Services					
G – Travel					
J – Capital Outlays					
P – Debt Service					
Total:	176,775	265,163	441,938	530,325	530,325

III.B – Detail:

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Superior Court Judge	199,675	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0
Total FTE's		0.7	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

None.