

# JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1219 2SHB	<b>Title:</b> Youth Dependency Counsel	<b>Agency:</b> 055 – Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
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## Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

	FY 2021	FY 2022	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
<b>Total:</b>					

### Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2021	FY 2022	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE – Staff Years		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund – State (001-1)		68,374	68,374	120,062	120,062
State Subtotal		68,374	68,374	120,062	120,062
<b>COUNTY</b>					
County FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal					
<b>CITY</b>					
City FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local – Cities					
Cities Subtotal					
Local Subtotal					
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures:</b>		<b>68,374</b>	<b>68,374</b>	<b>120,062</b>	<b>120,062</b>

*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.*

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☐ 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 add a new chapter in RCW 2.53 establishing the Statewide Children's Legal Representation program within the Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA). This bill would also require that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) convene stakeholders, collect data, and provide an annual report to the legislature on the relevant outcome measures.

This version of the bill adds language in Section 11 voiding this act if funding is not provided by June 30, 2021.

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

Section 2(3) – Would entitle a dependent child the right to be represented by counsel at all stages of a proceeding at public expense subject to the phase in schedule in Section 6 of this act.

Section 3 – Would entitle a dependent child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian the right to counsel if they are found to be indigent unless counsel has been retained by the parent

Section 5(2) – Would make the Statewide Children's Legal Representation program responsible for implementation of Section 6 of this act with the exception of appointing attorneys in dependency cases. Appointing attorneys would be the responsibility of the courts.

Section 8(1) – Would add a chapter to RCW 2.53 requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to convene stakeholders, including youth and young adults, to identify the relevant outcome measures and data collection methods that appropriately protect attorney client privilege to effectively assess the number of youth appointed attorneys and the short and long term impact of standards based legal representation on case outcomes.

Section 8(2) Would require by November 30, 2022 the Administrative Office of the Courts submit an annual report to the legislature outlining the outcome measures identified under this section.

Section 9 – Would require a new section in RCW 2.53 requesting that the Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care review and update the standard of practice, caseload limits, and training guidelines referenced in RCW2.53.045 and section 6 of this act.

Section 11 – Would make this act void if specific funding for the purposes of this act is not provided by June 30, 2021.

### **II.B - Cash Receipt Impact**

None

### **II.C – Expenditures**

This bill would require a 0.5 FTE research associate to support the Administrative Office of the Courts' (AOC) work required in Section 8.

The bill would also require minor pattern form changes and these changes would be managed within existing resources.

### **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

#### **III.A – Expenditures by Object or Purpose**

	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>2021-23</b>	<b>2023-25</b>	<b>2025-27</b>
FTE – Staff Years		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
A – Salaries & Wages		44,322	44,322	88,644	88,644
B – Employee Benefits		15,209	15,209	30,418	30,418
C – Prof. Service Contracts					
E – Goods and Services		8,343	8,343		
G – Travel		500	500	1,000	1,000
J – Capital Outlays					
P – Debt Service					
<b>Total:</b>		<b>68,374</b>	<b>68,374</b>	<b>120,062</b>	<b>120,062</b>

#### **III.B – Detail:**

<b>Job Classification</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>2021-23</b>	<b>2023-25</b>	<b>2025-27</b>
Senior Court Research Analyst	44,322		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>Total FTE's</b>			<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>

### **Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

None.

### **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

None.

