

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 1219 SHB	Title: Youth Dependency Counsel	Agency: 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
Total:					

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
Account					
General Fund – State (001-1)		68,374	128,405	120,062	120,062
State Subtotal		68,374	128,405	120,062	120,062
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:		68,374	128,405	120,062	120,062

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 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.

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 states 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.

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

	FY 2021	FY 2022	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
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FTE – Staff Years		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
A – Salaries & Wages		44,322	88,644	88,644	88,644
B – Employee Benefits		15,209	30,418	30,418	30,418
C – Prof. Service Contracts					
E – Goods and Services		8,343	8,343		
G – Travel		500	1,000	1,000	1,000
J – Capital Outlays					
P – Debt Service					
Total:		68,374	128,405	120,062	120,062

III.B – Detail:

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

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

None.

