

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 1394 HB	Title: Lasers / Unlawful Discharge	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					
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 amend various statutes regarding unlawful discharge of a laser, reclassifying relative felony levels.

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

Section 1 – Would create a new Class A felony for unlawful discharge of a laser in the first degree.

Section 2 – Would provide that the current crime of unlawful discharge of a laser in the first degree is amended to second degree and would remain a Class C felony.

Section 3 – Would provide that the current crime of unlawful discharge of a laser in the second degree is amended to third degree, and would remain a gross misdemeanor.

Section 4 – Would create a \$100 civil penalty for juveniles who commit unlawful discharge of a laser in the second or third degree.

Section 5 – Would assign a seriousness level to the new Class A felony mentioned as defined in Section 1 of this bill.

Section 6 - Would create a new 60 month enhancement when unlawful discharge of a laser in the first degree is committed against an officer acting within the course of their duties.

Section 7 – Would define unlawful discharge of a laser in the first degree as a serious violent offense.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

Indeterminate, but expected to be minimal. This bill creates a new \$100 civil penalty for juveniles who commit unlawful discharge of a laser in the second or third degree. There is no data available to estimate the number of juveniles who may commit these crimes.

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate, but not expected to be significant. This bill would create a new Class A felony, and reclassify existing definitions of unlawful discharge of a laser.

From 2010 through 2020, there were a total of 53 filings statewide for unlawful discharge of a laser in the first and second degree. Table I, below displays this data.

Table I – Filings, Unlawful Discharge of a Laser

Year	1st Degree	2nd Degree	Total
2010	4	1	5
2011	3	4	7
2012	4	2	6
2013		2	2
2014	4	2	6
2015	3	2	5
2016	4	1	5
2017	2	3	5
2018	4	-	4
2019	4	1	5
2020	3	-	3
Total	35	18	53

Court education, revision to forms and jury instructions would be required. These impacts would be managed within existing resources.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III.A – Expenditures by Object or Purpose

	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
FTE – Staff Years					
A – Salaries & Wages					
B – Employee Benefits					
C – Prof. Service Contracts					
E – Goods and Services					
G – Travel					
J – Capital Outlays					
P – Debt Service					
Total:					

III.B – Detail:

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2022	FY 2023	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Total FTE's						

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

None.