

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 5127 SB	Title: Courthouse Facility Dogs	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					
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 expand where courthouse facility dogs are allowed to be inside courthouse facilities and other public places when they are used to help traumatized witnesses testify or make statements to the courts. This bill would also allow certified dogs to travel on public transportation and or other public locations outside of the courthouse when they are traveling for official court business.

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

Section 1 – Would allow certified courthouse facility dogs when traveling outside the courthouse to potential witnesses to ride on public transportation and to be in other non-courthouse locations where the law does not expressly authorize access for a dog.

Section 2(1) – Would change language from courts are authorized to permit; to courts are authorized to exercise discretion permitting a courthouse facility dog to be used in any judicial proceeding.

Section 2(4) – Would permit entry to a courthouse facility dog, when services are requested in any courthouse, any location when performing administrative activities or community outreach, places of public accommodation, public transportation, child advocacy centers, schools, day cares, law enforcement agencies, legal offices, medical facilities and other court facility offices. It would require the handler to show identification provided by the qualified assistance dog organization.

Section 2(6) – Would require the court to state the basis for its decision on record when the circumstances warrant the presence of a courthouse facility dog.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None

II.C – Expenditures

This bill could potentially increase the amount of petitions filed requesting facility dogs for both the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction and Superior Courts. There is no data to determine the impact to the courts, but could 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
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 2021	FY 2022	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Total FTE's						

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

None.