

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 5271 SSB	Title: Health Care Injury COVID-19	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 establish specific factors when considering a civil action against a health care provider on whether the provider followed required standard of care during the period of the COVID-19 state of emergency.

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

Section 2(2)(a) – Would establish necessary elements of proof that an injury resulted from the failure of a health provider to follow the accepted standard of care during the COVID-19 pandemic. This section would take into account that the healthcare provider acted in good faith based on interim or preliminary guidance from publications produced by various government agencies and the availability of resources such as facility capacity, staff and supplies directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic and was the failure the direct cause of the complained injury.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

None

II.C – Expenditures

This bill would require judicial education but does not change court proceedings. These impacts would be managed with 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.