

JUDICIAL IMPACT FISCAL NOTE

Bill Number: 5355 SSB	Title: Wage Liens	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 create a statutory wage lien for claims on unpaid wages. The bill would create procedures for establishing, foreclosing, extinguishing, and prioritizing wage liens.

This bill differs from SB 5355:

- Would remove provisions regarding establishing wage liens on real and personal property owned or subsequently acquired by an officer, vice principal, or agent of the employer, who is personally liable for a wage claim.
- Would specify that the notice of wage claim filed with the county auditor must include the abbreviated legal description and assessor parcel number of the real property—rather than just the description of the property.
- Would clarify that courts order the cancellation of a wage claim—rather than county auditors, and that cancellation orders must be recorded with the county auditor.
- Would clarify that DOL must file notices of claims of wage liens for vehicles and vessels—rather than for all personal property.
- Would clarify where financing statements must be filed regarding certain personal property subject to wage liens.

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

Indeterminate, but not expected to be significant. There is no data available estimate the number of new hearings that may result from this bill.

Court education would be required. This would be managed within existing resources.