

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5128 2S SB	Title: Jury diversity	Agency: 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
State FTE Staff Years	2.3	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	439,100	303,900	743,000	398,400	398,400
State Subtotal \$	439,100	303,900	743,000	398,400	398,400
COUNTY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal \$					
CITY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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 for 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

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact on the Courts

The bill would amend RCW 2.36 and create a new section to increase data collection on jury demographics and decrease barriers affecting jury diversity and juror response rates.

Section 1 would require the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide all courts with a method to collect data on a juror's race, ethnicity age, sex, employment status, educational attainment, income, and any other data approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The AOC would be required to publish the data in an annual report to the Governor.

Section 2 would require the AOC to establish a workgroup and make recommendations for the creation of a child care assistance program for individuals reporting to jury service.

Sections 3 and 4 would allow jurors to be summoned electronically.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

SECTION 1 – JURY DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC)

This requirement would continue AOC's current juror data collection efforts, expand research on juries, and provide technical assistance to courts in the process. This work is unfunded after the 2021-23 biennium. AOC has a related 2023-25 biennial budget request to continue the work (D3 – Research Jury Race and Gender Bias).

FTE: 1.0
FY 2024: \$204,000
FY 2025 and ongoing: \$199,200

Staffing Assumptions

Senior Research Associate. Beginning July 1, 2023 and ongoing, AOC requires salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 1.0 FTE to:

- * Work with courts to collect juror demographic data using the existing statewide survey.
- * Analyze juror demographic data and provide an annual report to the courts and Legislature.
- * Conduct additional process evaluations of the jury process that may have a positive impact on juror responsiveness and jury diversity (i.e., expanded source lists, summonsing, juror pay, etc.).
- * Design metrics for understanding the impact of GR 37 – Jury Selection Rule.
- * Take an inventory and create an assessment of juror management systems courts use and research alternative systems to provide courts with options.
- * Work with courts to improve areas of their jury practice, such as improved outreach to under-represented communities.
- * Report periodically to courts on developments in jury- related research and innovation.

Other Non-Standard Costs Goods and Services (Object E)

In addition to standard costs per FTE, there are needs for:

- * Ongoing, annual \$1,300 software subscription for Remark OMR used to scan paper surveys.
- * Ongoing, annual \$5,000 for printing, shipping, and other costs associated with administering juror demographic surveys.

Travel (Object G)

This position will travel to courts for in-person consultation and observation. The estimated, annual travel costs for the staff are \$4,000 per year, rather than the standard cost per FTE.

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SECTION 2 – ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO ADDRESS CHILDCARE BARRIERS

IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC)

This section would establish a workgroup to inform child care assistance for jurors.

FTE: 1.9

FY 2024: \$235,100

FY 2025: \$104,700

Staffing Assumptions

Court Program Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, AOC requires salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 1.0 FTE to coordinate the workgroup.

Senior Research Associate. Beginning July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, AOC requires salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 0.25 FTE offering research support for the workgroup, analyze models and data from other states, etc.

Other Non-Standard Costs

* Contracts or Stipends with Affected Individuals (Object C) – This funding would support interviews with and participation from jurors experiencing child care as a barrier to jury service.

FY 2024: \$4,000

FY 2025: \$1,000

* Travel (Object G) – This would fund travel for work group participants. AOC anticipates holding 5 meetings at the AOC facility in SeaTac. The work group would include 25 members, 15 are expected to incur travel and per diem costs.

King County per diem: \$79 per day for 15 participants = \$1,200 X 5 meetings = \$6,000

Roundtrip mileage estimate from three differing locations (Spokane, Bellingham, and Vancouver) to SeaTac: \$3,800 X 5 meetings = \$19,000

FY 2024: \$20,000

FY 2025: \$5,000

SECTIONS 3 AND 4 – ADDITION OF ELECTRONIC SUMMONS FOR JURY SERVICE

There is no estimated fiscal impact to the courts or the Administrative Office of the Courts. Currently in Washington, all summons must be sent via US mail or personal service (under RCW 2.36.095). This bill would require courts to send a physical jury summons, but courts would have the option of e-mailing a jury summons.

ALL SECTIONS INCLUDING AOC STAFF IMPACTS INCLUDE STANDARD COSTS

Explanation of standard costs by object:

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 31.89% of salaries.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$3,800 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$2,500 per direct program FTE.

One-time IT Equipment is \$4,800 for the first fiscal year per direct program FTE. Ongoing Equipment is the agency average of \$1,600 per direct program FTE.

Agency Indirect is calculated at a rate of 24.73% of direct program salaries and benefits.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

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III. A - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (State)

State	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.3	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.0
Salaries and Wages	230,900	168,500	399,400	223,000	223,000
Employee Benefits	73,700	53,800	127,500	71,200	71,200
Professional Service Contracts	4,000	1,000	5,000		
Goods and Other Services	14,900	12,400	27,300	20,200	20,200
Travel	27,100	10,600	37,700	8,000	8,000
Capital Outlays	13,200	2,600	15,800	3,200	3,200
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements	75,300	55,000	130,300	72,800	72,800
Total \$	439,100	303,900	743,000	398,400	398,400

III. B - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (County)

NONE

III. C - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (City)

NONE

III. D - FTE Detail

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Court Program Analyst	91,500	1.0	0.5	0.8		
Senior Research Associate	111,500	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		2.3	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.0

III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B1 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (State)

NONE

IV. B2 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (County)

NONE

IV. B3 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (City)

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

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