

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2055 HB	Title: Gambling diversion court	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					
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1		380,000	380,000	2,497,000	1,248,500
State Subtotal \$		380,000	380,000	2,497,000	1,248,500
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

This bill would add a new section to Chapter 2.30 RCW creating a gambling treatment diversion court pilot program.

Section 1(1) would require the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to conduct a pilot program which has the purpose of treating persons determined to be affected by an addictive disorder related to gambling and who committed a crime for which they have pled guilty or been convicted in furtherance or as a result of the gambling. The pilot program would be established in three counties to include a county located within each of the three Court of Appeals divisions.

Section 1(2) would set requirements for the treatment program including terms and conditions for successful completion, requirements to pay restitution, provide progress reports, and that it be administered by a qualified mental health or substance use disorder (SUD) professional.

Section 1(3)(a) would require the court to hold a hearing before sentencing to determine whether or not the person committed the crime as a result of problem gambling. The prosecutor may present the court with any evidence and the advisability of permitting the person to enter the program.

Section 1(3)(b) would require the court to advise the person that sentencing will be postponed if the person submits to treatment and is accepted into the program, that the court may impose conditions, and that the person may be placed under supervision or care of a qualified mental health or SUD professional for a period of at least one year and not to exceed three years

Section 1(7) would allow the conviction to be discharged under RCW 9.94A.637 if the person satisfactorily completes the treatment program as determined by the court and would allow the person to apply for vacation.

Section 1(9) would allow the Supreme Court to adopt rules appropriate or necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

This bill would have fiscal impact on both the AOC and the courts as they implement the three pilots.

IMPACT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

AOC would require additional staff on its Behavioral Health team to develop the gambling treatment court program and offer training. The bill does not address the length of the pilot program. For the purposes of this judicial impact note, AOC assumes staff will begin in FY 2025 and the program would begin in FY 2026 and continue for three years.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS: \$1,425,500 over four years

Court Program Analyst (1.0 FTE) and Court Program Specialist (1.0 FTE). Beginning July 1, 2024 and ongoing for four years, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 2.0 FTE. Because these programs are rare, the staff would require additional training and travel costs of \$30,000.

Additionally, case management systems would need to be modified to document when someone is granted into a gambling treatment court.

The estimate included in the judicial impact note is \$22,000 based on 200 staff hours at an average of approximately \$103 per hour across multiple job classifications needed to complete the interface (Business Analyst, System Integrator, Senior System Integrator, IT Supervisor, and Manager).

Explanation of standard costs by object:

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 30.59% of salaries.

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Goods and Services are the agency average of \$3,600 per direct program FTE.
 Travel is the agency average of \$2,000 per direct program FTE.
 Ongoing Equipment is the agency average of \$1,800 per direct program FTE.
 One-time IT Equipment is \$4,800 for the first fiscal year per direct program FTE.
 Agency Indirect is calculated at a rate of 25.86% of direct program salaries and benefits.

PASS-THROUGH TO PILOT COURTS

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS: \$2,700,000 over three years

The cost for each pilot is assumed to be \$300,000 per year beginning in FY 2026 and ongoing for three years. The gambling treatment diversion court would address felony level crimes. The costs are based on superior court drug court costs scaled down anticipating a smaller number of participants and fewer staff.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

<i>State</i>	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Wages		197,700	197,700	369,600	184,800
Employee Benefits		60,400	60,400	113,000	56,500
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services		22,600	22,600	44,400	22,200
Travel		19,200	19,200	38,000	19,000
Capital Outlays		13,400	13,400	7,200	3,600
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services				1,800,000	900,000
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements		66,700	66,700	124,800	62,400
Total \$		380,000	380,000	2,497,000	1,248,500

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

NONE

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

NONE

III. D - FTE Detail

NONE

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

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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