

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2055 S 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				1.1	1.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1				693,900	967,200
State Subtotal \$				693,900	967,200
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 substitute bill would add a new section to Chapter 2.30 RCW creating a gambling treatment diversion court pilot program. It differs from the original by changing the pilot program from three in three counties, to one pilot in superior court.

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 a superior court and accept participants by July 1, 2026.

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.

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 pilot.

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 2026 and the program would begin in FY 2027 and continue for three years.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS: \$761,100 over four years

Court Program Analyst (1.0 FTE). Beginning July 1, 2026 and ongoing for four years, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 1.0 FTE. Because these programs are rare, the staff would require additional training and travel costs of \$15,000.

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.

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.

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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: \$900,000 over three years

The cost for the pilot is assumed to be \$300,000 per year beginning in FY 2027 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				1.1	1.0
Salaries and Wages				209,100	196,200
Employee Benefits				63,900	60,000
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services				22,600	22,200
Travel				19,200	19,000
Capital Outlays				8,600	3,600
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services				300,000	600,000
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements				70,500	66,200
Total \$				693,900	967,200

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	98,100				1.0	1.0
Project Manager	128,600				0.1	
Total FTEs					1.1	1.0

III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

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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

None