

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5451 SB	Title: Long sentences review	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		1,558,300	1,558,300		
State Subtotal \$		1,558,300	1,558,300		
COUNTY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties		7,698,300	7,698,300		
Counties Subtotal \$		7,698,300	7,698,300		
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 apply retroactively and mandate the courts to review an individual's life sentence without parole for an offender who committed that crime between age of 16 and 25.

Section 7 would add a new section stating persons sentenced to life without parole for a crime committed on or after their 16th birthday and before their 25th birthday, "shall be returned to the sentencing court..." consistent with RCW 10.95.030 (as amended in the bill).

Section 8 would mandate this statute apply retroactively.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Fiscal impact is expected to the Administrative Office of the Court for a Legal Services Senior Analyst (25 hours) to change the Felony Judgement and Sentence forms and the Felony Guilty Plea forms (\$4,300).

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 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.

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.

SUPERIOR COURT

Court costs are assumed for 684 cases requiring resentencing. These cases are estimated to take between 8-20 hours each. The fiscal note shows the costs of these hearings in FY 2024 because the bill is retroactive. However, the cases may take more time to move through resentencing. Additionally, clerks assume an additional 90 minutes of staff time for these cases for work outside the court room

State: \$1,554,000 (50% of superior court judges' salaries and 100% of benefits)

County (court costs): \$7,647,000

County (additional clerk costs): \$51,300

Total County: \$7,698,300

NOTE:

All costs were updated on 1/5/2024.

Updated salaries of Superior Court & District Court judges based on data from WA Salary Commission (<https://salaries.wa.gov/salary/judicial-branch>). Benefits are estimated at 30% of salaries.

Superior, County Clerk, Juvenile Court and District Court Staff salary and benefits were taken from the AWC Salary Survey (<https://salarysurvey.wacities.org/reports>).

Operating Costs were from the SAO FIT data (<https://portal.sao.wa.gov/FIT/data-extracts>) with the number of staff divided by the total amount of Services and Supplies from the FIT data.

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		973,600	973,600		
Employee Benefits		583,700	583,700		
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services		100	100		
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements		900	900		
Total \$		1,558,300	1,558,300		

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

<i>County</i>	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Benefits					
Capital					
Other		7,698,300	7,698,300		
Total \$		7,698,300	7,698,300		

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

<i>City</i>	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Benefits					
Capital					
Other					
Total \$					

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

NONE

III. D - FTE Detail

<i>Job Classification</i>	<i>Salary</i>	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Legal Services Senior Analyst			0.0	0.0		
Total FTEs			0.0	0.0		0.0

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