

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5825 SB	<b>Title:</b> Guardianship	<b>Agency:</b> 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		1.0	.5	1.0	1.0
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1		593,800	593,800	1,170,800	1,170,800
State Subtotal \$		593,800	593,800	1,170,800	1,170,800
COUNTY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal \$					
CITY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
City FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

**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 amends the Revised Code of Washington as it relates to guardianship and conservatorship.

It amends RCW 11.130 as follows:

Sec. 3 (2): Allows a petition to be filed for a minor about to turn 18 within 45 days

Sec. 3 (3)(b)(iv): Includes parents as parties who must be notified of a petition being filed if they're involved in the adult's life - also states "if living", but that would seem to be a given.

Sec. 4 (5): Directs court visitor to ask for an attorney to be appointed if adult requests one or objects to guardianship

Sec. 1 (2)(b): Requires court to dismiss a petition if no one identified to serve as guardian in 14 days

It amends RCW 2.72 as follows:

Section 15 (1) raises the income limit not to exceed 400% of the federal poverty level; allows contracts for individuals in acute care hospitals and those who will soon be or who are medically ready for discharge.

Section 15 (2) establish a streamlined process to review requests for guardianship.

Section 15 (3) establish a navigator service.

Section 15 (4) fund training for guardians.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

### II. C - Expenditures

#### FISCAL IMPACT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

For Sections 3 and 4, the cost would be \$6,700 based on the following assumptions:

Legal Services Senior Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 0.4 FTE to update / revise forms and benchbooks.

For Section 15 (3) and (4), the cost would be \$585,400 beginning in FY25 and ongoing based on the following assumptions:

Senior Court Program Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2024 and ongoing, AOC would salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 1.0 FTE to act as navigator for guardianship services.

Goods and Service: \$400,000 to provide training to guardians.

Section 15 (1) is indeterminate as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has no data available to estimate the number of new personnel that would be eligible under the changes in this bill. AOC estimates that it could be as high as \$1.5 million.

#### AOC STAFF IMPACTS INCLUDE STANDARD COSTS

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.

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### Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

State	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.0	.5	1.0	1.0
Salaries and Wages		113,200	113,200	216,600	216,600
Employee Benefits		34,600	34,600	66,200	66,200
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services		3,700	3,700	7,200	7,200
Travel		2,100	2,100	4,000	4,000
Capital Outlays		1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services		400,000	400,000	800,000	800,000
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements		38,300	38,300	73,200	73,200
<b>Total \$</b>		<b>593,800</b>	<b>593,800</b>	<b>1,170,800</b>	<b>1,170,800</b>

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

**Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.**

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

**Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.**

#### III. D - FTE Detail

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Legal Services Senior Analyst	122,600		0.0	0.0		
Senior Court Program Analyst	108,300		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
<b>Total FTEs</b>			<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

#### III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Court Services Division (030)		8,400	8,400		0.00
Management Services Division (070)		585,400	585,400	1,170,800	1,170,800.00
<b>Total \$</b>		<b>593,800</b>	<b>593,800</b>	<b>1,170,800</b>	<b>1,170,800</b>

### 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

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**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