

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5828 SB	<b>Title:</b> Water rights commissioners	<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:**

NONE

**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 add a section to the water code (Chapter 90.03 RCW) allowing the superior court to assign one or more attorney to act as a water commissioner. Process and duties of the water commissioner are highlighted within the legislation which include the ability to hold evidentiary hearings and contested and issue decisions on fact and legal issues.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

### II. C - Expenditures

The bill would have no fiscal impact to the Administrative Office of the Courts. It is permissive allowing the superior court in each county to appoint water commissioners. It only has impact on superior courts if a county appoints a commissioner.

As this bill relates to the current water adjudication in Whatcom County, there is no fiscal impact. The Administrative Office of the Courts was appropriated funding in the 2023-25 biennial budget to pass through to Whatcom County to fund a water commissioner.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

NONE

### 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

### 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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