Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6109 SB Title: Children and families	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		1.0	.5	1.0	1.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1		255,400	255,400	510,800	510,800
State Subtotal \$		255,400	255,400	510,800	510,800
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 fo 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 address the support to children, families, and child welfare workers by improving services and clarifying the child removal process in circumstances involving high-potency synthetic opioids.

Section 202 (1) would amend training requirements in RCW 2.56.230 related to family and juvenile matters. Within six months of assuming duties in a family and juvenile court, training topics delivered must also include the risk and danger presented to children and youth by high-potency synthetic opioids and the legal standards for removal of a child based on abuse or neglect.

Section 202 (2)(b) would expand the eligible costs family and juvenile courts may receive reimbursement for to include the costs of training to professionals involved in child welfare court proceedings including, but not limited to, attorneys and guardians ad litem.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

To deliver the required training to judges, commissioners, and court partners that would be required under the bill, the Administrative Office of the Courts' (AOC's) Family and Youth Justice Program would need additional training capacity and pass-thru funding to courts.

The work of applying synthetic opioid information to the existing task dependency professionals have of assessing child safety and developing effective safety plans to keep children in their homes when a parent is struggling with a substance use disorder would include:

Training Resources: The AOC would need to add another trainer. To date, fentanyl training has not been developed because the agency lacks capacity to engage the teams, experts, and research required. Training on fentanyl and the content presented would need a multi-disciplinary approach, grounded in current science.

Senior Court Program Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2024 and ongoing, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 1.0 FTE focused on training.

Grant Funding: Within current resources, the AOC only has enough funding to reimburse courts for salary and benefits of local court coordinators. Expanding the eligible costs of the program with the expectation of broadening training to professionals involved in child welfare cases would require \$70,000 each fiscal year ongoing to be granted to participating courts.

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.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

<u>State</u>	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.0	.5	1.0	1.0
Salaries and Wages		108,300	108,300	216,600	216,600
Employee Benefits		33,100	33,100	66,200	66,200
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services		3,600	3,600	7,200	7,200
Travel		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
Capital Outlays		1,800	1,800	3,600	3,600
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services		70,000	70,000	140,000	140,000
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements		36,600	36,600	73,200	73,200
Total \$		255,400	255,400	510,800	510,800

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
Sr Court Program Analyst	108,300		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs			1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0

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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None