# **Judicial Impact Fiscal Note**

| Bill Number: S-4229.1  | Title: Proposed substitute to SB 6081.               | Agency                         | : 055-Administrative Office of the Courts |
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| Part I: Estimates  |  |                                |   |
| No Fiscal Impact   |  |                                |   |
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| <b>Estimated Cash Receipts to:</b>                                       |  |                                |   |
| NONE   |  |                                |   |
| <b>Estimated Expenditures from:</b>                                      |  |                                |   |
| Non-z  | ero but indeterminate cost and/or savings.           | Please see discussion.         |   |
| Estimated Capital Budget Impact:   |  |                                |   |
| NONE   |  |                                |   |
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| The revenue and expenditure estimate subject to the provisions of RCW 43 | es on this page represent the most likely fiscal imp | act. Responsibility for expend | litures may be                            |
| Check applicable boxes and follow  |  |                                |   |
| If fiscal impact is greater than   | \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current bienni       | um or in subsequent bienni     | a, complete entire fiscal note fo         |
| Parts I-V.  X If fiscal impact is less than \$5                          | 50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium       | or in subsequent biennia.      | complete this page only (Part I).         |
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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 remove the section entitling consumers to actual damages if noncomplying language caused them to be substantially confused as to their rights under the contract. It would also remove good faith effort to comply defense and class action provisions and would clarify the extent to which bill applies to insurance contracts.

The bill would add a section to Consumer Protection Act (Chapter 19.86 RCW) requiring, with limited exceptions, that consumer contracts be written in plain language.

#### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

#### II. C - Expenditures

The substitute bill would not have any fiscal impact to the Administrative Office of the Courts other than minimal court education or judicial information sharing.

CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL FISCAL NOTE: This bill, the original and the substitute, could have impacts on the courts due to increased case filings. The substitute is assumed to have a lesser possible case filing impact. The impact to courts is indeterminate. It is unknown how many additional cases may be filed.

# Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

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

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

**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

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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