

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: Z-0571.2	Title: Concerning the threat of harm to children due to parental use or possession of a high potency synthetic opioid	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		249,000	249,000	394,000	394,000
State Subtotal \$		249,000	249,000	394,000	394,000
COUNTY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties		920,000	920,000	1,840,000	1,840,000
Counties Subtotal \$		920,000	920,000	1,840,000	1,840,000
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

The bill would amend and add a new section Chapter 13.34 RCW, Juvenile Court Act – Dependency and Termination of Parent-Child Relationship addressing the threat of harm to children due to parental use or possession of a high potency synthetic opioid.

Section 2 would modify RCW 13.34.030 to define high potency synthetic opioid as a schedule I or II controlled substance and includes, but is not limited to, fentanyl.

Section 3 would modify RCW 13.34.065 (Shelter Care Hearing) to create a justification for removal of a child to prevent imminent physical harm when a parent’s use or possession, or failure to protect a child from another’s use or possession of a high potency synthetic opioid.

Section 4 would modify RCW 13.34.130 (Disposition Order) to include a provision for no parent or guardian available to care for a child when a parent has deficiencies that jeopardize the child, including results of substance abuse, or the parent’s use or possession, or failure to protect a child from another person’s use or possession, of a high potency synthetic opioid.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

Since 2020 courts have experienced decreased dependency case filings for a variety of reasons, including efforts to more robustly serve families in their communities. The assumption is that this bill would reverse that trend, return dependency case filings to the pre-2020 levels, and shift judicial workload back to the pre-2020 levels.

IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC)

Training

Funds would be required for training judicial officers and court communities across the state about fentanyl, child safety and the new legal requirements (\$50,000).

Court Forms

This bill would require dependency form modifications.

Legal Services Senior Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 0.01 FTE to update required court forms.

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.

IMPACT ON COUNTIES (Superior)

For the purposes of this judicial impact note, AOC expects if this legislation passes the trend of decreasing dependency filings would reverse.

The average number of dependency filings in 2018 and 2019 were 4,400. Subtracting the 2022 dependency filings from that number (2,608) would equate to an estimated 1,792 additional cases to be filed beginning in FY 2025.

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State: \$197,000 state cost of judicial officer 50 percent salary and 100 percent of the benefits
 County: 920,000 local cost of judicial officer, staff and operational costs

IMPACT ON CITIES
 None

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		124,200	124,200	246,000	246,000
Employee Benefits		74,400	74,400	148,000	148,000
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services		50,000	50,000		
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements		400	400		
Total \$		249,000	249,000	394,000	394,000

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		920,000	920,000	1,840,000	1,840,000
Total \$		920,000	920,000	1,840,000	1,840,000

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

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Legal Services Senior Analyst	122,600	0.0		0.0		
Total FTEs		0.0		0.0		0.0

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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

None