

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1144 HB	<b>Title:</b> Superior court judge/Skagit	<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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
State FTE Staff Years	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	238,093	247,092	485,185	494,184	494,184
State Subtotal \$	238,093	247,092	485,185	494,184	494,184
COUNTY	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
County FTE Staff Years	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
<b>Account</b>					
Local - Counties	118,233	121,804	240,037	243,608	243,608
Counties Subtotal \$	118,233	121,804	240,037	243,608	243,608
CITY	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
City FTE Staff Years					
<b>Account</b>					
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

This bill adds an additional judicial position in Skagit County Superior Court. Increasing the number of judges from 4 to 5.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

The AOC pays 50 percent of the salary and 100 percent of the benefits for superior court judge positions. The county pays the other 50 percent of the salary cost. This request will pay the state share of the judge position beginning July 1, 2025 at a salary set by the Washington’s Citizen’s Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS:

For FY26, A cost of \$238,093 per year to pay 50 percent of the superior courts judge salary and 100 percent of the benefits.

Beginning in FY27, ongoing costs of \$247,092 per year to pay 50 percent of the superior courts judge salary and 100 percent of the benefits.

COUNTY:

For FY26, A cost of \$118,233 per year to pay 50 percent of the superior courts judge salary and 100 percent of the benefits. Beginning in FY27, ongoing costs to the county will be \$121,804 to pay 50 percent of the superior court judges salary.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

State	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Salaries and Wages	118,233	121,804	240,037	243,608	243,608
Employee Benefits	70,940	74,519	145,459	149,038	149,038
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services					
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements	48,920	50,769	99,689	101,538	101,538
Total \$	238,093	247,092	485,185	494,184	494,184

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

<i>County</i>	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Salaries and Benefits	118,233	121,804	240,037	243,608	243,608
Capital					
Other					
Total \$	118,233	121,804	240,037	243,608	243,608

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

<i>City</i>	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Superior Court Judge	229,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		1.0	1.0	1.0	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

None

199,385.00

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