

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 1174 HB	Title: Court interpreters	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:

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

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 requests changes to Washington statute (RCW 2.43) to be compliant with Federal Department of Justice policy interpretation of Title VI prohibiting a court from imposing interpreter costs on parties in all court proceedings and court-managed programs; update statutory verbiage in order to align with the operations conducted by AOCs Court Interpreter Program and industry best practices; and to provide better access to the courts and court services for individuals regardless of their ability to communicate in English.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

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Impact is indeterminate. The funding amounts listed below are based on the following assumptions:

- 1. Interpreter hourly rate of \$40.17 by averaging minimum amount (\$32.86) and maximum amount (\$47.47).
- 2. Initial assessments are 1.25 hours and mandatory classes are at least 8 hours.
- 3. The number of cases were derived from data from 2022 and 2023. This data was extrapolated out to 2031 and then divided by 10 to get an average.
- 4. Numbers assume 100% utilization (high) and 33% utilization (low).

The total costs for this period could be as high as \$2,190,000 or as low as \$547,200 with the total assessments / mandatory classes being 7,554 (high) and 1,890 (low).

The costs and cases spread out by fiscal year are as follows with the high value first and low value second:

FY26: \$365,000 / 1,259 cases; \$91,200 / 315 cases
FY27: \$365,000 / 1,259 cases; \$91,200 / 315 cases
FY28: \$365,000 / 1,259 cases; \$91,200 / 315 cases
FY29: \$365,000 / 1,259 cases; \$91,200 / 315 cases
FY30: \$365,000 / 1,259 cases; \$91,200 / 315 cases
FY31: \$365,000 / 1,259 cases; \$91,200 / 315 cases

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

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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