

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1274 2S HB	Title: Juvenile convictions/score	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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
State FTE Staff Years					
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	3,500		3,500		
State Subtotal \$	3,500		3,500		
COUNTY	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal \$					
CITY	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs 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

The second substitute removes the “subject to availability of funding” in section 2(7) and includes language that nothing in the subsection creates an entitlement to counsel at the state’s expense to petition the sentencing court.

The second substitute would not make any changes affecting the fiscal impact to the Administrative Office of the Courts or the courts.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

Within the eligible population, no information is readily available regarding an individual’s disciplinary record, rehabilitation, nor likelihood to reoffend. Information is also not available regarding the likely denial rate. Therefore, the costs of subsequent petitions and resentencing hearings, following a denial, is indeterminate.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Minimal fiscal impact to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). AOC would incur costs of \$3,500 for forms updates if the bill passes. Estimates include costs for approximately 15 hours of Court Program Analyst time.

AOC STAFF IMPACTS INCLUDE STANDARD COSTS

Explanation of standard costs by object:

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 31.89% of salaries.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$3,800 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$2,500 per direct program FTE.

One-time IT Equipment is \$4,800 for the first fiscal year per direct program FTE. Ongoing Equipment is the agency average of \$1,600 per direct program FTE.

Agency Indirect is calculated at a rate of 24.73% of direct program salaries and benefits.

SUPERIOR COURT IMPACT

While the overall impact is indeterminate, AOC was able to include a range of estimated expenses as a result of the second substitute. These calculations were determined by the Office of Public Defender (OPD) in cooperation with the Department of Corrections (DOC) and AOC by applying eligibility for resentencing proportions from a manually reviewed sample of 500 cases with juvenile history to the DOC with juvenile history to the DOC population as of September 2024. The sample was drawn randomly and the eligibility rate has a statistical confidence interval of 95% to the targeted population. As a result, the high caseload was estimated at 270 cases, while the low caseload was estimated at 198 cases.

The average hearing time was derived from remote hearing times for resentencings at DOC. The hearing time distribution was bimodal: 30 minutes and 60 minutes. The 30-minute hearings represented over 75% of the resentencings and were characterized as mostly agreed resentencings.

Judge Need (JN) was expressed in terms of a full time equivalent (FTE) judicial position and was determined by a standard judicial needs calculation. The calculation assumes 250 business days in a year minus average vacation, sick leave, and holidays. It also assumes 25% of judge time is spent on non-bench case activity such as case management & review, legal research, attorney communication, order construction & signing, etc.

The court costs are summarized by fiscal year below:

FY26: High \$96,275 / Low \$70,602

FY27: High \$129,618 / Low \$88,111

FY28: High \$65,173 / Low \$40,051

FY29: High \$40,051 / Low \$25,123

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Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

<i>State</i>	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Wages					
Employee Benefits					
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services	3,500		3,500		
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
Total \$	3,500		3,500		

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs 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

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.

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