

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

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Bill Number: 1362 HB	Title: Gambling diversion court	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		2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	485,400	329,800	815,200	1,259,600	1,259,600
State Subtotal \$	485,400	329,800	815,200	1,259,600	1,259,600
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 \$					

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 would add a new section to Chapter 2.30 RCW creating a gambling treatment diversion court pilot program.

Section 1 (1) directs AOC to establish for the purpose of people determined to be affected by an addictive disorder related to gambling and who commit a crime in which there was a plea of guilty a gambling diversion court. To begin accepting participants by July 1, 2027 Section 1 (2) details the requirements of the gambling diversion program. Terms and conditions for successful completion; restitution to be paid within a specified time determined by the court to be eligible for participation; progress reports delivered at intervals determined by the court to ensure satisfactory progress is being made; the program is administered by a qualified mental health professional or substance use disorder professional (Subsection 8 provides definitions of these two professionals).

Section 1 (3) directs the court before sentencing if the court has reason to believe that the person committed the crime in furtherance of or because of a gambling problem the court shall hold a hearing to determine if the crime was in furtherance of or because of a problem with gambling. Court to determine if this person should receive treatment; Prosecutor is allowed to present evidence that the crime was committed in furtherance of a problem with gambling. Court advises the person sentencing will be stayed if the person submits treatment and is accepted into the gambling diversion program. Court to impose any conditions upon the treatment that could be imposed as conditions of probation. If accepted to the program the person is placed in the supervision of qualified professionals for at least 1 year. The program cannot be longer than 3 years.

Section 1 (4) directs the court after the hearing the person is determined to be eligible for the gambling diversion program to order a qualified mental health or substance use disorder examination. Professional to report back to the court of the result of the examination and recommendations. If the court determines that the individual is not a good candidate for the program the case may be sentenced. If the court determines that the individual is a good candidate for the program the court may place the individual into the gambling diversion program and stay sentencing and place the individual under the supervision of a qualified professional. Probation or other appropriate agency to report the progress of the individual on court-imposed conditions. The person placed on this program shall pay the costs of the program to the extent of the financial resources of that person.

Section 1 (5) lists disqualifying crimes or dispositions. Crimes against the person; crimes against a child; DV; 2 or more convictions of crimes against the person, crimes against a child, DV in another state. Individuals are in probation or parole currently unless they consent, or the court finds that the person is eligible in spite of the objections made by probation or parole.

Section 1 (6) states that upon certification by the qualified professional of satisfactory completion of the program, and determination by the court the conditions imposed for treatment have been satisfactorily completed the sentence shall be deferred. If a professional has not certified satisfactory completion prior to the expiration date the court can sentence the person. If the professional asserts that the individual has not satisfactory completed treatment, but the court-imposed conditions have been satisfied, and the court determines that the individual can voluntarily satisfy treatment then prior to the expiration of the treatment date the court can extend the treatment program and can discharge the conviction. If the professional determines that the person is not likely to benefit from further treatment the court shall either transfer to a more suitable program or terminate supervision and conduct a hearing to determine if the person should be sentenced.

Section 1 (7) allows a person who successfully has their conviction discharged under the program to apply for vacation of record of conviction.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

IMPACT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

AOC would require additional staff on its Behavioral Health team to develop the gambling treatment court program and offer training. The bill does not address the length of the pilot program. For the purposes of this judicial impact note, AOC assumes staff will begin in FY 2026 and the program would begin in FY 2028 and continue for three years.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS: \$3,334,400 over five years

Court Program Analyst (1.0 FTE) and Court Program Specialist (1.0 FTE). Beginning July 1, 2025, and ongoing for five years, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 2.0 FTE. Because these programs are rare, the staff would require additional training and travel costs of \$30,000.

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Additionally, case management systems need to be modified to document when someone is granted into a gambling treatment court.

The estimate included in the judicial impact note is \$141,000 based on 390 staff hours at an average of approximately \$212 per hour across multiple job classifications needed to complete the interface (Business Analyst, System Integrator, Senior System Integrator, IT Supervisor, and Manager).

Explanation of standard costs by object:

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.

PASS-THROUGH TO PILOT COURT

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS: \$900,000 over three years

The cost for each pilot is assumed to be \$300,000 per year beginning in FY 2028 and ongoing for three years. The gambling treatment diversion court would address felony level crimes. The costs are based on superior court drug court costs scaled down anticipating a smaller number of participants and fewer staff.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

<i>State</i>	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years		2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Salaries and Wages	256,400	173,400	429,800	346,800	346,800
Employee Benefits	78,000	53,000	131,000	106,000	106,000
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services	32,200	22,200	54,400	44,400	44,400
Travel	19,000	19,000	38,000	38,000	38,000
Capital Outlays	13,200	3,600	16,800	7,200	7,200
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services				600,000	600,000
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements	86,600	58,600	145,200	117,200	117,200
Total \$	485,400	329,800	815,200	1,259,600	1,259,600

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

NONE

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
Court Program Analyst	86,700		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Court Program Specialist	86,700		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs			2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0

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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