

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1525 HB 1525_AMH_JUDI_ADA M 016	Title: Birth certificates and info
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2013-15		2015-17		2017-19	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Department of Health	0	144,000	0	36,000	0	12,000
Total \$	0	144,000	0	36,000	0	12,000

Estimated Expenditures

Agency Name	2013-15			2015-17			2017-19		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Department of Social and Health Services	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Health	.8	0	141,000	.2	0	34,000	.1	0	14,000
Total	0.8	\$0	\$141,000	0.2	\$0	\$34,000	0.1	\$0	\$14,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact

NONE

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* See Office of the Administrator for the Courts judicial fiscal note

** See local government fiscal note

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1525 HB 1525_AMH_JUDI _ADAM_016	Title: Birth certificates and info	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

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No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2014	FY 2015	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19
General Fund-Private/Local 001-7	96,000	48,000	144,000	36,000	12,000
Total \$	96,000	48,000	144,000	36,000	12,000

Estimated Expenditures from:

	FY 2014	FY 2015	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19
FTE Staff Years	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.1
Account					
General Fund-Private/Local 001-7	95,000	46,000	141,000	34,000	14,000
Total \$	95,000	46,000	141,000	34,000	14,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.

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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).

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Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

Section 3: Removes the current restriction that only adopted persons whose adoptions were finalized after October 1, 1993 may request noncertified copies of their original (pre-adoption) birth certificate.

A birth parent may file with the Department of Health (department) an affidavit of nondisclosure to prevent release of the original birth certificate. Affidavits are valid for different durations depending on when the adoption was finalized and when the affidavit is filed. The birth parent may renew the affidavit by filing another before the prior one expires. The affidavit is also no longer valid upon the death of the birth parent. The bill requires the department to make a reasonable effort to determine whether the birth parent is deceased, upon request by the adoptee. The department may charge a fee to cover the cost of conducting the search.

This section also allows a birth parent to file with the department a contact preference form. If the birth parent files a contact preference form or an affidavit of nondisclosure, she or he must also file a medical history form. The department shall create both forms. If the department provides the adopted person a copy of the original birth certificate, the department is required to provide the person with a copy of the contact preference form and medical history form filed by the birth parent. If the department does not release an original birth certificate because of a valid affidavit of nondisclosure, the department must still provide a copy of the medical history form to the adoptee.

The bill allows the department to charge a fee of no more than \$20 for the noncertified copy of the original birth certificate.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Section 3: Based on estimated expenditures, the department will set the fee to produce the noncertified copy of the original birth certificate at \$20.

In 1998, Oregon enacted a similar law and during the first year, the state received 2,500 requests, or seven hundredths of one percent of its total population, for birth certificate copies of this type. Based on this, the department assumes that there will be a similar surge of requests during the first year from persons adopted prior to October 1, 1993. Using the same percentage, and based on Washington's 2012 estimated population of 6.9 million, the department estimates receiving 4,800 requests for original birth records in fiscal year (FY) 2014.

Assuming that the initial surge of requests will not continue past the first year, the department estimates that the volume will drop by half in each of the following four fiscal years and to remain at 300 per year thereafter. The department is estimating 2,400 requests in FY 2015, 1,200 requests in FY 2016, 600 requests in FY 2017, and 300 requests in FY 2018 and ongoing.

The department is unable to estimate the volume of requests by adoptees to search for whether the birth parent has died.

Currently there are five affidavits of nondisclosure on file for adoptions. Four are for adoptions finalized before October 1, 1993. Based on this information, the department assumes the volume of affidavits of nondisclosure will be low. Regardless of the request volume, the department will realize cash receipts based on currently allowable fees: \$15 for reviewing the sealed adoption file (RCW 26.33.330 and WAC 246-491-990) and \$8 for conducting a search of death records held by the department (RCW 70.58.107).

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Section 3: Starting in FY 2014, the department is estimating 4,800 additional requests for original birth certificates, based on information obtained from Oregon (see discussion in the Cash Receipts section, above).

The department will require 1.0 FTE Health Services Consultant (HSC) 1 to develop the contact preference form and medical history form, develop procedures, process affidavits of nondisclosure, review applications for original birth records, check the validity of nondisclosure affidavits on file, search for original birth records, request sealed adoption files from State Archives, log requests, annotate sealed files, print and mail non-certified copies, file fee sheets, and return adoption files to State Archives. In addition to staffing costs in FY 2014, the department projects printing and mailing costs estimated at \$4,400. Estimated expenditures for FY 2014 include salary, benefit, and related staff costs for 1.0 FTE HSC 1 and \$95,000 in General Fund State Private Local.

For subsequent years, the staffing, printing, and mailing costs are projected to decline by approximately half each year in FY 2014 through FY 2017, and then to remain stable at the FY 2017 level.

The bill also requires the department to conduct searches, upon request by an adoptee, to determine whether a birth parent has died. The department assumes that it will only search death records held by the department, as these are the only records readily available. The work will include tracking and logging requests for searches, obtaining sealed adoption files from State Archives, searching death records held by the department for the birth parent, responding to the adoptee, and returning the sealed file to State Archives. The department is unable to estimate the volume of requests by adoptees to search for whether the birth parent has died. Currently there are four affidavits of nondisclosure on file for adoptions finalized after October 1, 1993. Based on this information, DOH assumes the volume of affidavits of nondisclosure will be low.

Costs for administration and associated FTEs are included in the total costs below.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2014	FY 2015	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19
FTE Staff Years	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages	55,000	27,000	82,000	20,000	8,000
B-Employee Benefits	17,000	9,000	26,000	6,000	2,000
E-Goods and Other Services	18,000	9,000	27,000	8,000	4,000
J-Capital Outlays	3,000		3,000		
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	2,000	1,000	3,000		
Total:	\$95,000	\$46,000	\$141,000	\$34,000	\$14,000

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III. B - Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2014	FY 2015	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19
Fiscal Analyst 2	45,828	0.1		0.1		
HEALTH SVCS CONSLT 1	44,712	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.1
Total FTE's	90,540	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.1

III. C - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2014	FY 2015	2013-15	2015-17	2017-19
Disease Control and Health Statistics (010)	85,000	41,000	126,000	30,000	14,000
Administration (090)	10,000	5,000	15,000	4,000	
Total \$	95,000	46,000	141,000	34,000	14,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.