Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5006 SB	Title: Waiver of firearm rights	Agency: 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
Part I: Estimates		
X No Fiscal Impact		
Estimated Cash Receipts to:		
NONE		
Estimated Expenditures from:		
NONE		
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 fo 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 bill adds a class 4 civil infraction for unlawful possession of a firearm if the person, adult or juvenile, is in possession or control of a firearm after filing a voluntary waiver of firearm rights that has been accepted by the clerk of the court and has not been lawfully revoked.

Section 2(7) creates a new class 4 civil infraction for unlawful possession of a firearm if the person has in the person's possession or has in the person's control a firearm after the person files a voluntary waiver of firearm rights under RCW 9.41.350 and the form has been accepted by the clerk of the court and the voluntary waiver has not been lawfully revoked.

Section 3(1) clarifies that a person may file a voluntary waiver of firearm rights either in writing or electronically, and that the clerk of the court must request a physical or scanned copy of photo identification. This subsection also adds that the person filing the form may provide the name of a family member, mental health professional, substance use disorder professional, or alternate person to be contacted if the filer attempts to purchase a firearm while the voluntary waiver of firearm rights is in effect or if the filer applies to have the voluntary waiver revoked.

Section 3(2) allows the filer of the waiver to update the contact information in the same county where the voluntary waiver was filed, with photo identification. The clerk of the court must transmit the updated contact information to the Washington State Patrol by end of the business day.

Section 4(2) will require a change to the voluntary waiver of firearms form.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

II. C - Expenditures

IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC)

Minimal Fiscal Impact. The form changes (Sections 2 and 4) are estimated to take 10 hours and cost less than \$1,000.

IMPACT ON COUNTIES/CITIES

Minimal Fiscal Impact. The number of waivers is small – for example, a total of 7 have been submitted in King County since 2019. The county clerks will be impacted by implementing electronic filing, passing updated information to the Washington State Patrol, and increased postage costs.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

III. D - FTE Detail

NONE

III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

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Form FN (Rev 1/00)

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