

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1406 HB	<b>Title:</b> Youth seeking housing assist
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Commerce	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Fiscal note not available											
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Fiscal note not available								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1406 HB	<b>Title:</b> Youth seeking housing assist	<b>Agency:</b> 103-Department of Commerce
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## Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

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

### 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Section 2 amends RCW 13.32A.082 to allow a child to remain in a licensed overnight youth shelter up to 90 days if the shelter is unable to make contact with the parent or the parent does not request that the child return home.

Section 3 amends RCW 43.185C.010 extending the length of stay in a HOPE center from 30 to 90 days.

Section 4 adds a new section directing the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection to provide funding for service providers to convene a community support team to help identify supports for a youth and their family focused on obtaining long-term and stable housing. Supports must include behavioral health supports and legal assistance. Funding is subject to amounts appropriated. Youths who enter a licensed overnight youth shelter or similar licensed organization in an area served by a community support team are eligible for the community support team.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

The Department of Commerce (department) has determined the legislation in this bill to have an indeterminate impact.

Section 2 allows a child to remain in a licensed overnight youth shelter up to 90 days if the shelter is unable to make contact with the parent or the parent does not request that the child return home. Current department guidelines for HOPE/Crisis Residential Center (CRC) programs allow youth to remain beyond 72 hours if a parent is unreachable or if a parent does not consent to placement in the program but refuses to take physical custody. Data from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 (fiscal years 2021 and 2022) reflect that youth remained in a HOPE/CRC program beyond 72 hours under these circumstances a total of 7 times.

Data may not fully capture the extent of these circumstances due to data quality issues, a need for additional training and technical assistance to providers on utilizing the guideline provisions, and/or low utilization of these provisions due to lack of legal protections for providers in these circumstances.

Section 3 extends the length of stay at HOPE Centers from 30 to 90 days.

Utilizing the approval authority within RCW 43.185C.010, the department waived the length of stay at HOPE Centers during the period of the Governor's COVID-19 state of emergency order and for 30 days following the date the emergency order was lifted. The time period that the waiver on the length of stay in HOPE Centers was in effect was from March 20, 2020 to November 30, 2022.

Based on data on HOPE/CRCs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, during which the waiver was in place, the lengths of stay were as follows:

89% of stays were under 56 days

50% of stays were between 4 and 25 days

11% of stays (or 137 stays) were between 57 and 362 days

Utilization rates in HOPE/CRC programs during this time were approximately 30%, meaning that the beds were occupied

at a rate of 30% of the overall availability.

Based on this data, no immediate fiscal impact is anticipated; however, if utilization were to increase significantly, HOPE Centers may not have the capacity needed to serve all youth seeking access. This would create a gap or shortage of shelter beds for youth in need.

Section 4 directs the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection to provide funding for service providers to convene a community support team to help identify supports for a youth and their family focused on obtaining long-term and stable housing. Supports must include behavioral health supports and legal assistance. Funding is subject to amounts appropriated. Youth who enter a licensed overnight youth shelter or similar licensed organization in an area served by a community support team are eligible for the community support team.

#### FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY:

Based on costs for similar program models, costs assumed for 1 community support team to serve a single urban county or multiple rural counties per fiscal year include:

Approximately \$100,000 for a service provider or other entity to serve in the role of lead convener of the community support team. This cost is based on the costs associated with the Youth Engagement Team model in King County and covers the wages and benefits of 1 FTE, partial supervisor/director wages and benefits, and operating expenses. (The actual budget for the Youth Engagement Team is \$317,000 and covers a Licensed Mental Health Provider, rental assistance funding, and other supportive services for clients).

\$160,000 for legal assistance. This cost is based on the costs associated with the Youth Engagement Team model in King County. The costs cover the wages and benefits of 1 FTE attorney, partial supervisor/director wages and benefits, operating expenses, service expenses such as court feed and interpreters.

Approximately \$71,000 per FY to provide behavioral health supports. This is based on the average grant amount through the Office of Homeless Youth for selected shelters to provide onsite behavioral health services to youth. It is possible that these existing grants could be expanded to serve the purpose of the community support team.

The department estimates the following would be needed:

1.0 FTE Commerce Specialist 3 (2,088 hours) in FY24 through FY29 to create a competitive application, manage a review process and panel, develop grant terms and execute contracts, provide ongoing technical assistance, monitor compliance, pay invoices, and collect and report project outcomes.

#### Salaries and Benefits:

FY24: \$111,056

FY25-FY29: \$114,847 per fiscal year

#### Goods and Other Services:

FY24: \$9,580

FY25-FY29: \$9,586 per fiscal year

#### Equipment and Capital Outlays:

FY24: \$5,000

FY27: \$2,400

#### Intra-agency Reimbursements:

FY24: \$36,537

FY25-FY29: \$37,785 per fiscal year

Note: Standard goods and services costs include supplies and materials, employee development and training. Attorney

General costs, and agency administration. Intra-agency administration Reimbursement-Agency administrations costs (e.g., payroll, HR, IT are funded under a federally approved cost allocation plan.

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Total Costs:

FY24: \$162,173  
FY25-FY26: \$162,218 per fiscal year  
FY27: \$164,618  
FY28-FY29: \$162,218 per fiscal year

**Part III: Expenditure Detail**

**III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures**

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

**III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

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

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

NONE

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

**IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

**IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

No impact

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

No rule making