

# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5051 SB	<b>Title:</b> Dissolution/doc. language	<b>Agency:</b> 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Expenditures from:**

**Non-zero but indeterminate cost 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

This bill would add a new section to RCW 26.09 (Dissolution/Legal Separation Proceedings). When a limited English proficiency litigant (“litigant”) requests sight translation of written materials to a spoken message in a litigant’s language, or when the court has reason to know a litigant may require an interpreter, any orders presented to the court need certification from an interpreter that sight translation has been provided.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

### II. C - Expenditures

Minimal fiscal impact is expected to the Administrative Office of the Court to create a new certification (15 hours, less than \$2,000).

There will be indeterminate, additional court costs. This bill may require longer hearings or the need for additional hearings to achieve a signed court order, including for parties who obtain an order by agreement. The bill would not allow the court to waive the interpretation requirements if they have already been met prior to the proceeding. On average, the courts estimate this could add another 20 minutes to these hearing. However, there is no way to estimate what percentage of cases would require an interpreter.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

Non-zero but indeterminate cost 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

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**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

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

NONE

None