

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1304 HB 1304-S	<b>Title:</b> Electric security alarms
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## Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

### Legislation Impacts:

- Cities: indeterminate administrative costs to process permit applications, indeterminate revenue from application fees
- Counties: same as above
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

## Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option:
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: how many applications for permits would be processed, fees collected for permits

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

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

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

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## **Part IV: Analysis**

### **A. SUMMARY OF BILL**

*Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.*

This fiscal note reflects language in SHB 1304, 2023 Legislative Session.

#### **CHANGES BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:**

The substitute bill:

- removes the general prohibition on local governments' ability to prohibit or require a permit for the installation or use of a battery-powered electric fence;
- requires local governments to process permits for battery-charged electric fences using the permitting process that is used for nonstructural alarm systems;
- requires local governments to process permits for battery-charged electric fences within 120 days of the application, unless the local government makes written findings that a specified amount of additional time is needed for a specific application; and
- provides a method for calculating the time that an application is in process.

#### **SUMMARY OF CURRENT BILL:**

This substitute legislation would require local governments to process permits for certain battery-charged electric fences using the permitting process for nonstructural alarm systems and process the permit within 120 days of receiving the application.

### **B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS**

*Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

#### **CHANGES IN EXPENDITURE IMPACTS BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:**

Cities and counties must process permits for electric fencing using the same permitting process that is used for nonstructural alarm systems.. There may be an increase in staff and administrative costs to process these permits within 120 days, as required.

#### **EXPENDITURE IMPACTS OF CURRENT BILL:**

This substitute bill would have an indeterminate impact on local government operating costs related to implementing and processing permit applications. It is unknown how many permits would be processed or if local governments would need additional staff to meet the requirements outlined in the bill. These costs cannot be estimated, therefore the impact is indeterminate.

### **C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS**

*Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

#### **CHANGES IN REVENUE IMPACTS BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:**

This substitute bill would require local governments to process permit applications using the same permitting process that is used for nonstructural alarm systems. This would impact revenues based on permit fees collected.

#### **REVENUE IMPACTS OF CURRENT BILL:**

This substitute bill would require local governments to process permit applications. There would be fees collected to issue

permits, increasing revenue. The amount of the fee is unknown for each jurisdiction or how many permit applications will be processed, therefore the revenue impact is indeterminate.

**SOURCES:**

Association of Washington Cities

House Bill Report, HB 1304, Local Government Committee (2/10/2023)

Washington State Association of Counties