

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

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

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Expenditures from:

STATE	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
State FTE Staff Years	.1		.1		
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	159,600		159,600		
State Subtotal \$	159,600		159,600		
COUNTY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal \$					
CITY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					

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).

Section 1 would require a court to provide translated standard forms to a limited English proficiency party when the party requests translation or the court finds good cause to provide translation. It would also provide that a court may order sight translation of standard forms to a limited English proficiency party when the court finds good cause and includes criteria for appointed interpreters.

Section 2 would require the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to:

- * Develop and distribute standard forms.
- * Develop and distribute information regarding domestic relations proceedings.
- * Provide translation of the standard forms and information and make them available to all superior court clerks, superior courts, and the Washington Supreme Court's Interpreter Commission.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

The AOC would be required to develop and distribute new forms and information, as well as providing for translations. Senior Legal Services Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 1.0 FTE for developing the forms and information.

Forms and information translations are expected to cost \$140,000.

AOC STAFF IMPACTS INCLUDE STANDARD COSTS

Explanation of standard costs by object:

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 31.89% of salaries.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$3,800 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$2,500 per direct program FTE.

One-time IT Equipment is \$4,800 for the first fiscal year per direct program FTE. Ongoing Equipment is the agency average of \$1,600 per direct program FTE.

Agency Indirect is calculated at a rate of 24.73% of direct program salaries and benefits.

COURT COSTS

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

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

<i>State</i>	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	.1		.1		
Salaries and Wages	11,400		11,400		
Employee Benefits	3,600		3,600		
Professional Service Contracts	140,000		140,000		
Goods and Other Services	400		400		
Travel	300		300		
Capital Outlays	200		200		
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements	3,700		3,700		
Total \$	159,600		159,600		

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

NONE

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

NONE

III. D - FTE Detail

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Legal Services Senior Analyst	114,400	0.1		0.1		
Total FTEs		0.1		0.1		0.0

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

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

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

NONE

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