

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5353 S SB	Title: Voluntary stewardship prog.
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.					
Local Gov. Total						

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	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Ecology	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
State Conservation Commission	.1	0	0	26,336	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
State Conservation Commission	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Department of Fish and Wildlife	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Department of Agriculture	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Total \$	0.1	0	0	26,336	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

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 Ecology	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
State Conservation Commission	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Fish and Wildlife	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Agriculture	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5353 S SB	Title: Voluntary stewardship prog.	Agency: 103-Department of Commerce
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- 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.

The differences between the substitute bill and the original bill:

Section 1(9) is amended to clarify that the bill's provisions do not take effective until new adequate funding for the program is provided to the county.

A new Section 2 creates new responsibilities for the conservation commission.

Summary of the substitute bill:

Section 1 amends RCW 36.70A.710 to allow counties not currently in the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) to opt-in at any time. The current law required opting in by July 22, 2011.

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.

There is no impact to the department. The activities stated in SSB 5353 are already part of the normal operating procedures within the Local Government Division.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

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

Part V: New Rule Making Required

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

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5353 S SB	Title: Voluntary stewardship prog.	Agency: 461-Department of Ecology
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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

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- 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.

The differences between SB 5353 and SSB 5353 are as follows:

Section 1 adds a provision clarifying that a county that elects to join the Voluntary Stewardship Program would not be required to implement the program until adequate funding for the program in that watershed is provided to the county.

A new section 2 is added that would amend RCW 36.70A.740 and 2011 c 360 s 10 to remove the existing 2015 deadline by which the State Conservation Commission was initially required to determine whether or not funding is available for counties that opted into the Voluntary Stewardship Program and for state agencies to participate in those local efforts. The Commission would be required to determine whether funding is available by July 31, 2023, and every two years thereafter, to account for funding needs for any new counties that opt into the program.

These changes would result in no change to Ecology's fiscal impact.

Under current law, Ecology helps implement chapter 36.70A RCW, the Growth Management Act (GMA), by providing technical assistance to local governments on best available science related to wetland protection and by developing guidance and technical tools to assist local governments in achieving no net loss of wetlands. Ecology partners with the State Conservation Commission (SCC) to administer the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) established in the GMA by participating in the technical panel and doing outreach and technical assistance to the county workgroups and conservation districts. Ecology receives funding from the SCC to pay for staff participation in VSP.

This bill would amend chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA) to remove the deadline for counties to opt into the VSP.

Section 1 would amend RCW 36.70A.710 to remove the deadline for counties to opt into the VSP. Counties would not be required to implement the program until adequate funding for the program in that watershed is provided. Section 2 would amend RCW 36.70A.740 to require the SCC to determine whether funding is available by July 31, 2023, and every two years thereafter, to account for funding needs for any new counties that opt into the program.

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 expenditure impact to Ecology is indeterminate depending on the number of additional counties that choose to opt into VSP.

There are currently 27 out of 39 total counties that choose to participate in VSP. It is not known whether or not additional counties would choose to opt into VSP.

As a member of the VSP Technical Panel, Ecology is required to support counties in developing their county work plan and evaluating monitoring criteria. Ecology assumes that a range of technical assistance would be provided by Ecology to review plans from counties that choose to opt in. Ecology assumes that staff time would be required one-time. Based on

previous experience, Ecology estimates a range between 0-80 hours per county. Since we don't know how much time each county will require or how many counties will opt in, the fiscal impact is indeterminate. Ecology assumes that any funding required for Ecology's work would be provided through an interagency agreement with the SCC, consistent with current practice. Based on the lead agency assumptions, for illustration purposes, Ecology estimates costs for three potential scenarios, based on 40 hours per plan as follows:

- o 2 counties opt-in: 0.04 FTE of an Environmental Planner 5 = \$7,219
- o 6 counties opt-in: 0.11 FTE of an Environmental Planner 5 = \$19,850
- o 12 counties opt-in: 0.23 FTE of an Environmental Planner 5 = \$41,503

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

Part V: New Rule Making Required

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

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 5353 S SB	Title: Voluntary stewardship prog.	Agency: 471-State Conservation Commission
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Account					
Public Works Assistance Account-State 058-1	13,168	13,168	26,336	0	0
Total \$	13,168	13,168	26,336	0	0

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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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.

The Substitute bill adds to Section 1 a new section (8) (b) stating that a county that has elected to opt-in to VSP is eligible for a share of the funding made available to implement the project subject to funding availability from the state.

The Substitute also adds (9) (b) A county that has made the election under subsection (1) is not required to implement the program in a participating watershed until adequate funding for the program in that watershed is provided to the county. The election to opt-in may not take effect until new adequate funding for the program in that watershed is provided to the county.

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.

It is unknown how much funding SCC would receive for additional counties to opt-in to VSP. We have provided estimates of staff time for possible new enrollee counties to VSP.

SCC staff would initially meet with individual counties to discuss VSP, the number of counties interested is unknown at this time. The meetings are expected to be brief meetings of an hour or two to explain the program, workgroup, and some requirements of the program. SCC expects the costs to be less than \$50,000 for less than three counties. The estimates above are based on initial discussions with no more than 3 counties.

An Environmental Planner 5 would be the initial contact to counties wanting to opt-in to VSP. Travel costs for in-person meetings with county commissioners, county staff, and stakeholders are based on contact with three counties considering opting into VSP.

The costs scenarios reflected below are SCC costs associated with providing assistance to counties and stakeholders in this decision-making process. Additional costs depend on the number of counties that choose to opt into VSP.

Of the 39 counties in the state, there are 27 counties that have opted into the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). These 27 counties currently receive \$235,000 in funding each for the current biennia to implement VSP via a contract with SCC. This is based on funding the State Conservation Commission has received for FY22/23.

Twelve remaining counties in Washington would have the opportunity to opt into VSP. The number of counties choosing to opt into VSP is unknown at this time. The Commission anticipates additional costs for this re-opening of the legislation. Commission staff will need to engage with each of the 12 counties to answer questions and explain the VSP requirements, much as the agency did after the passage of VSP in 2011. The Commission also assumes this will require meetings with stakeholders in these jurisdictions to answer questions and explain VSP. If all 12 counties opted into VSP, the Commission assumes a .5 FTE WMS1, .3 FTE Natural Resources Scientist 3, .5 FTE Environmental Planner 5, and a .3 FTE Contracts Specialist 3 would be needed for the additional workload for 12 counties opting into VSP.

It is unknown how many of the 12 counties would opt into the VSP program, so costs are indeterminate. Although indeterminate the scenarios below outline potential costs.

These assumptions are based on funding provided to SCC to contract with the additional counties in VSP contracts between SCC and the counties.

Some scenarios:

Twelve (12) counties opted into VSP estimated amount would be \$2,820,000.
(12 counties x \$235,000 contract amounts = \$2,820,000).

Six (6) counties opted into VSP estimated amount is \$1,410,000
(6 counties x \$235,000 contract amount = \$1,410,000),

Two (2) counties opted into VSP estimated amount is \$470,000
(2 counties x \$235,000 contract amount = \$470,000).

SCC has three agencies (Ecology, Fish & Wildlife, and WA Department of Agriculture) that serve on our Technical Panel to provide oversight and direction on implementation and monitoring for counties involved in VSP. The agencies each received \$190,000 for the current biennia (\$570,000 total for the three agencies) for their work participating and providing guidance and monitoring implementation for counties involved in VSP. The Technical Panel agencies would provide oversight and direction to any counties opting into VSP. There would be additional funding needed for the Technical Panel agencies, additional costs are indeterminate until the number of additional counties opting into VSP are known.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
058-1	Public Works Assistance Account	State	13,168	13,168	26,336	0	0
Total \$			13,168	13,168	26,336	0	0

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.1	0.1	0.1		
A-Salaries and Wages	9,384	9,384	18,768		
B-Employee Benefits	3,284	3,284	6,568		
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel	500	500	1,000		
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	13,168	13,168	26,336	0	0

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

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

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Environmental Planner 5	93,840	0.1	0.1	0.1		
Total FTEs		0.1	0.1	0.1		0.0

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

Part V: New Rule Making Required

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

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 5353 S SB	Title: Voluntary stewardship prog.	Agency: 477-Department of Fish and Wildlife
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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

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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.

No change from previous fiscal note. Differences in this bill version do not change WDFW's fiscal impact, which remains indeterminate due to not knowing how many counties will participate in the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).

Differences between SB and SSB:

The substitute bill amends section 2 to remove deadlines associated with evaluating the adequacy of funding for the VSP and agency support.

New description:

Section 1 removes the deadline of within six months after July 22, 2011, for counties to enroll in the VSP. No cutoff date is listed.

Section 2 is amended to remove deadlines associated with evaluating the adequacy of funding for the VSP support.

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

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Section 1(b) of this bill reopens enrollment for counties to participate in the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). This change would increase WDFW's expected costs associated with participation on the state agency Technical Panel, participation in county workgroups, and providing counties with High Resolution Change Detection (HRCDD) data.

The expenditure impact of this proposed legislation is indeterminate. The Department cannot guarantee how many counties will anticipate with certainty.

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.

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

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

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

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5353 S SB	Title: Voluntary stewardship prog.	Agency: 495-Department of Agriculture
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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:

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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.

Substitute Senate Bill 5353 differs from SB 5353 as follows:

Section 2. Conservation Commission to determine every two years which watersheds in new participating counties received adequate funding to implement VSP.

Senate Bill 5353 allows counties not currently in the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) to enroll.

(1)(a) As an alternative to protecting critical areas in areas used for agricultural activities through development regulations adopted under RCW 36.70A.060, the legislative authority of a county may elect to protect such critical areas through the program. (b) In order to participate in the program, the legislative authority of a county must identify watersheds that will participate.

(8) and (9) Counties that have started Voluntary stewardship program after the initial date can receive funding, and they're not required to implement the program in a watershed until the funding is available to the county.

Considering the VSP is so far along, adding up to 12 counties to the program creates a significant new workload for the program and for agencies involved in supporting participating counties. Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is required to support counties in developing their county work plan, evaluating monitoring criteria, and based on previous experience, this is approximately 175 hours per year per county.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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II. C - Expenditures

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Since the Voluntary Stewardship Program is so far along, adding up to 12 counties to the program creates a significant new workload for the program and for agencies involved in supporting participating counties. WSDA is required to support counties in developing their county work plan, evaluating monitoring criteria, and based on previous experience, this is approximately 175 hours per year per county. Based on the lead agency assumptions, WSDA is assuming three potential scenarios.

Scenario 1

For 12 counties 1.0 FTE needed of Natural Resource Scientist = \$168,900

Salaries - \$91,500

Benefits - \$32,600

Good and Services - \$13,700

Debt Service - \$600

Agency Admin Overhead - \$30,500

Scenario 2

For 6 counties .5 FTE needed of Natural Resource Scientist = \$84,500

Salaries - \$45,800

Benefits - \$16,300

Good and Services - \$6,800

Debt Service - \$300

Agency Admin Overhead - \$15,300

Scenario 3

For 3 counties .25 FTE needed of Natural Resource Scientist = \$42,200

Salaries - \$22,900

Benefits - \$8,100

Good and Services - \$3,400

Debt Service - \$200

Agency Admin Overhead - \$7,600

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

Part V: New Rule Making Required

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 5353 S SB

Title: Voluntary stewardship prog.

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties: Counties that chose to participate in the Voluntary Stewardship Program
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option: Counties can join the VSP
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Twelve counties are currently not members of VSP; it is unknown how many will choose to join.

Estimated revenue impacts to:

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

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.

CHANGES BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION: These changes do not impact the indeterminate fiscal impacts for local governments discussed below.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT BILL: The current bill version amends Sec.1 (9)(b) and 36.70A.740 RCW as follows:

Sec.1 (9)(b) is amended to specify that implementation of the section is contingent upon adequate funding being provided to the county in which the watershed is located.

Sec.2 amends 36.70A.740 to direct the commission to consult with each county to determine which watersheds have received adequate funding to implement the program. The commission shall also consult with the implementing state agencies to determine if the program has received adequate funding. By July 31, 2023, and every two years thereafter, the commission must determine if adequate funding was provided during the preceding biennium and submit a funding report to the designated agencies, counties, and legislature according to dates listed in this section.

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:

The substitute version of this bill does not change the expenditure impact this bill would have on local governments, which are indeterminate.

The legislation would result in an indeterminate impact for local governments' expenditure. Counties that choose to join the Voluntary Stewardship Program will take on the costs and responsibilities of the grant, including a bi-annual meeting.

To participate in this local government program, local governments would be required to adopt an ordinance, meeting the following requirements:

- Elects to have the county participate in the program.
- Identifies the watersheds that will participate in the program.
- Nominates watersheds for consideration by the commission as state priority watersheds.

Before adopting the ordinance, counties must:

- Confer with tribes, and environmental and agricultural interests.
- Provide notice following public participation.
- Provide notice to property owners and other affected and interested individuals, tribes, government agencies, businesses, school districts, and organizations.

The local government fiscal notes program unit cost calculator identifies ordinances as simple, moderate and complex. These requirements meet the definition of a complex ordinance with an estimated cost of \$9,399 per adopting county. These costs include costs for draft ordinances, advisory commission meeting and recommendation, finalized ordinance, public notice, publication of ordinance, and general public information. There is no cost to apply to the program.

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: The substitute version of this bill does not change the revenue impact this bill would have on local governments, which is indeterminate.

The legislation would result in an indeterminate impact for local governments' revenue. Local governments who choose to join the Voluntary Stewardship Program would receive an estimated yearly funding amount of \$235,000, according to the State Conservative Commission (SCC) to implement the program.

SOURCES:

Local Government Fiscal Note Program 2023 Unit cost calculator

State Conservation Commission (SCC)

Local Government Fiscal Note SB 5353 (2023)