

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 2217 HB	Title: Juvenile criminal offenses
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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	Fiscal note not available					
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other						
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
Administrative Office of the Courts	Fiscal note not available											
Caseload Forecast Council	Fiscal note not available											
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

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	Fiscal note not available								
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
Administrative Office of the Courts	Fiscal note not available								
Caseload Forecast Council	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Fiscal note not available								
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	Fiscal note not available								
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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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

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

Legislation Impacts:

- ☐ Cities:
- ☒ Counties: Indeterminate impacts due to expanding juvenile court's jurisdiction.
- ☐ 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: The number of cases that will seek juvenile court jurisdiction, and the number of cases that will receive court approval for juvenile court jurisdiction.

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.

Sec. 1(2)(b) would amend RCW 13.40.300 to allow the following juvenile offenders to be committed by the juvenile court to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families for placement in a juvenile rehabilitation facility up to the juvenile offender's 23rd birthday, but not beyond:

- a juvenile offender adjudicated of a murder in the first or second degree offense committed at age 14 or 15; or
- a juvenile offender adjudicated of a rape in the first degree offense committed at age 15.

Sec. 1(3) would amend when a juvenile court has jurisdiction, and when the juvenile court may place an individual under the authority of the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).

Sec. 3 would add a new section clarifying the take effect dates. The changes in subsections (2)(b), (3)(b)(ii), and (3)(c), and to RCW 13.40.110 in this act would apply retroactively to all charges that are pending on the effective date of this section and those that are filed after the effective date of this section which are based on conduct that occurred before the effective date of 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.

The proposed legislation would have an indeterminate impact on counties because the number of cases that will seek juvenile court jurisdiction is unknown, and the number of cases that will receive court approval for juvenile court jurisdiction cannot be predicted in advance. Please see discussion below.

BACKGROUND:

Juvenile courts are a division of the state's superior court system. In general, juvenile courts only have jurisdiction over criminal matters concerning persons who are under the age of 18 through the point of adjudication (a juvenile conviction).

If criminal proceedings commence after a person's eighteenth birthday for an offense committed prior to the person's eighteenth birthday, the proceedings must be held in adult court and the person is subject to adult sentencing.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND COUNTIES:

According to the Caseload Forecast Council, the bill has the potential to impact approximately 49 currently incarcerated individuals who were under age 18 at the date of offense and under age 21 at the date of sentencing. However, the language of the bill is conditional. All parties seeking juvenile court jurisdiction have to receive the court's approval. Because the number of cases that will receive court approval cannot be predicted in advance, there is no way to determine the impact on counties', county prosecutors', or county clerks' time and staffing needed to accommodate this process. Therefore, the legislation's impact to counties is indeterminate.

Department of Corrections, the Caseload Forecast Council, the Department of Children, Youth and Families, the Superior Court Judges Association, and Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs agree that jails would not be impacted by the legislation.

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.

The legislation would not impact local governments' revenue.

SOURCES:

Caseload Forecast Council

Department of Children, Youth and Families
Department of Corrections
Superior Court Judges Association
Washington Association of County Officials
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
Washington State Association of Counties
Washington State Association of County Clerks