

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2119 HB	<b>Title:</b> Medical debt garnishment
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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	No fiscal impact					
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											
Department of Social and Health Services	Fiscal note not available											
<b>Total \$</b>	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	No fiscal impact								
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								
Department of Social and Health Services	Fiscal note not available								
<b>Total \$</b>	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									
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Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

**Bill Number:** 2119 HB

**Title:** Medical debt garnishment

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

## Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- 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:

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

## 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 legislation would stop someone from using a court order to take money directly from the wages of a person who owes money, if the debt is because of medical bills.

Sec. 2 amends RCW 6.27.020 such that a writ of garnishment, including a writ for a continuing lien on earnings, may not be issued to an employer for the garnishment of the judgment debtor's earnings if the judgment arises from medical debt of the judgment debtor.

Sec. 3 amends RCW 6.27.060 with regard to the current statutory requirements, the affidavit filed by a creditor when applying for a writ of garnishment must include a statement as to whether or not the judgment arises from medical debt of the judgment debtor.

Sec. 4 amends RCW 6.27.140 such that the notice of garnishment and debtor's rights that must be mailed to or served on an individual judgment debtor must include a statement that a garnishment against wages or other earnings may not be issued for medical debt.

This act would go into effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which it is passed.

### **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.*

This legislation would not impact local government expenditures.

Court impacts, including judicial costs, clerk costs, and court fees, are described in fiscal notes prepared by the Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC). Please see their fiscal note for a discussion of impacts to city and county courts as a result of this change to wage garnishment statute.

### **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.*

This legislation would not impact local government revenue.

#### **SOURCES:**

House Bill Analysis, HB 2119 (2024)