

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5937 SB	Title: Crime victims & witnesses
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Labor and Industries	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Total \$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	.0	8,000	8,000	8,000	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Administrative Office of the Courts	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Caseload Forecast Council	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Washington State Patrol	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Labor and Industries	1.9	600,000	600,000	600,000	3.2	1,092,000	1,092,000	1,092,000	3.2	1,179,000	1,179,000	1,179,000
Department of Labor and Industries	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Department of Health	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Corrections	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Total \$	1.9	608,000	608,000	608,000	3.2	1,092,000	1,092,000	1,092,000	3.2	1,179,000	1,179,000	1,179,000

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other			158,466						
Local Gov. Other	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.								
Local Gov. Total			158,466						

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	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Caseload Forecast Council	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Washington State Patrol	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Labor and Industries	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Health	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Corrections	.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	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
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

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Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5937 SB	Title: Crime victims & witnesses	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					
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1		8,000	8,000		
State Subtotal \$		8,000	8,000		
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 \$					

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

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:

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- 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 relates to supporting crime victims and witnesses by promoting victim centered, trauma informed responses in the legal system and prescribes penalties. This would take effect July 1, 2024.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

Section 11 of this bill will have forms impact. Superior Court system changes needed for new event codes for the new forms. The form changes are estimated to take 70 hours and cost less than \$8,000.

Sections 10, 11, 15, and 16. Identified as may having moderate impact, but indeterminate due to courts that are not set up for remote participation.

Sections 15 and 16 requirements can be accommodated through existing court business processes and system functionality for criminal filings and sealed exhibits.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

State	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
Salaries and Wages		4,700	4,700		
Employee Benefits		1,500	1,500		
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services		200	200		
Travel					
Capital Outlays					
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements		1,600	1,600		
Total \$		8,000	8,000		

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

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

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

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

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

III. D - FTE Detail

NONE

III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

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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

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5937 SB	Title: Crime victims & witnesses	Agency: 101-Caseload Forecast Council
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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

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

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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.

See attached.

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.

None.

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.

See attached.

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.

SB 5937
SUPPORTING CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES BY
PROMOTING VICTIM-CENTERED, TRAUMA-
INFORMED RESPONSES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM
101 – Caseload Forecast Council
January 13, 2024

SUMMARY

A brief description of what the measure does that has fiscal impact.

- Section 1 Amends RCW 7.68.020 by amending the definition of “Criminal Act.”
- Section 2 Amends RCW 7.68.060 by removing subsection (3) concerning restrictions on eligibility for benefits under the chapter.
- Section 3 Amends RCW 7.68.066 to clarify travel expenses are to be considered round-trip.
- Section 4 Amends RCW 7.68.070 by updating a subsection reference.
- Section 5 Amends RCW 7.68.080 to clarify transportation costs are to be considered round-trip.
- Section 6 Amends RCW 7.68.094 to clarify travel expenses are to be considered round-trip.
- Section 7 Amends RCW 7.68.170 by including clarification that costs incurred by a hospital or other emergency medical facility for the examination of a victim of sexual assault involving nonfatal strangulation, cannot be billed or charged to the victim for an assault that occurred in or outside of Washington.
- Section 8 Amends RCW 7.68.803 by including clarification that costs incurred by a hospital or other emergency medical facility for the examination of a victim of domestic violence assault cannot be billed or charged to the victim for an assault that occurred in or outside of Washington.
- Section 9 A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW to define “other state” and “another state” and directs agreements with other states for reimbursement to the crime victims’ compensation fund if a nonresident of Washington is a victim of a sexual assault that occurred in another state and received an examination in Washington.
- Section 10 Amends RCW 7.69.010 by adding language stating the intent of the legislature ensures that all victims and witnesses are afforded access to justice to participate in criminal justice proceedings.
- Section 11 Amends RCW 7.69.030 by expanding rights of victims, survivors of victims, and witnesses to civil commitment proceedings under chapter 10.77 RCW and includes the filing of charges to the information required to be provided.
- Section 12 Amends RCW 9A.04.080 by eliminating the statute of limitations for Rape in First, Second, or Third Degree, when the perpetrator is a first responder using his or her position to facilitate the commission of the offense.
- Section 13 Amends RCW 9A.44.020 by requiring a pretrial motion be made in advance of the trial date when the defense has an offer of proof of the relevancy of evidence of past sexual behavior of the of victim. Adds language stating the victim, the victim’s

attorney, a lawful representative of the victim, or the prosecutor upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of this section's procedures.

Section 14 Amends RCW 9A.44.040 by expanding the definition of Rape in the First Degree to include the following:

- When the victim is incapable of consent by physically helpless or mentally incapacitated as a result of the perpetrator or accessory:
 - Willfully places any substance in any food, drink, medicine, or other edible substance, or vapor product; or
 - Knowingly furnishing any food, drink, medicine, or other edible substance, or vapor product containing a substance to the victim, with the intent to make the person physically helpless or mentally incapacitated.

Section 17 Adds a new section to chapter 36.27 RCW requiring the prosecuting attorney of each county in the state to coordinate and establish a multidisciplinary team to address adult sexual assault or coordinate with other local jurisdictions to ensure resources are available to adult victims of sexual assault.

Section 18 Adds a new section to chapter 43.70 by establishing a statewide forensic nurse coordinator in the Department of Health, subject to appropriations.

Section 22 States the act takes effect July 1, 2024.

EXPENDITURES

Assumptions.

None.

Impact on the Caseload Forecast Council.

None.

Impact Summary

This bill:

- Expands the definition for the Class A serious violent offense of Rape in the First Degree (Section 14); and
- Eliminates the statute of limitations for several sex offenses (Section 12).

Impact on prison and jail beds.

The Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) has no data concerning the length of time between the commission or discovery of offenses and the commencing of prosecution, and, therefore, cannot reliably predict jail and prison bed impacts resulting from removing the statute of limitations for sex offenses. However, with the bill eliminating the statute of limitations for multiple sex offenses, there is the possibility that more sex offenses may be prosecuted, resulting in more convictions, which would increase the need for prison beds, jail beds, local and Juvenile Rehabilitation jail beds, and increased Supervision caseloads.

In addition, CFC has no information concerning how many more incidents of Rape in the First Degree may occur because of the expanded definition. As such, the CFC cannot reliably predict bed impacts resulting from the bill. However, as a Class A felony sex offense ranked at

Seriousness Level XII on the Adult Felony Sentencing Grid, the punishment for this offense ranges from a standard range term of confinement of between 93-123 months in prison to 240-318 months in prison, depending on the individual's prior history; and has a mandatory minimum term of five years (the mandatory term does not apply in sentencing of juveniles tried as adults). Sentencing for most Rape in the First Degree fall under RCW 9.94A.507 (determinate-plus sentencing for sex offenders). The CFC has no information regarding the actual release of individuals by the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (Board) sentenced for this offense after they have served their minimum terms. However, increased sentences for this offense would impact prison beds. Also, any additional sentences of the offense under the expanded definition in the bill would also result in an increased need for local beds because of confinement time spent in local jails prior to sentencing.

DOC Supervision population.

In addition, individuals convicted of felony sex offenses are supervised by the Department of Corrections for 36 months upon release from confinement or up to the statutory maximum for the offense if sentenced under RCW 9.94A.507, regardless of risk to reoffend classification, therefore any increased sentences for these offenses would likely increase the community corrections population.

Impacts on local and Juvenile Rehabilitation jail beds.

The expanded definition of the Class A sex offense of Rape in the First Degree, ranked at Category A on the Juvenile Sentencing Grid, may result in increased incidences of the offense. The offense is punishable by a standard range term of 103-129 weeks in a Juvenile Rehabilitation facility for juveniles adjudicated for the offense. Therefore, increased incidences of this offense would likely only impact Juvenile Rehabilitation beds.

The offense would be punishable by a standard range term of 103-129 weeks in Juvenile Rehabilitation (depending on the number of prior adjudications) for juveniles adjudicated for the offense. Therefore, incidences of this offense would likely only impact Juvenile Rehabilitation beds.

In addition, there may also be an increased need for Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) beds. Current statutes require individuals sentenced in adult court for an offense committed before the age of 18 to serve to their confinement at a JR facility until age 25, or until release if occurring prior to age 25. As a result, any increased sentences under the provisions of the bill committed by someone under the age of 18 and sentenced as an adult, may increase the need for JR beds. However, of the 11 sentences imposed in Fiscal Year 2023 for Rape in the First Degree, none were for a juvenile adjudicated as an adult.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5937 SB	Title: Crime victims & witnesses	Agency: 225-Washington State Patrol
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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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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.

There is no fiscal impact to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) from the proposed legislation as it does not add to, remove, or otherwise change any duty or responsibility of the WSP.

New Section 17 requires the prosecuting attorney of each county to establish a multidisciplinary team to address adult sexual assault or coordinate with other local jurisdictions to ensure resources are available to adult victims of sexual assault and identifies the required members.

New Section 17(3)(f) allows the prosecuting attorney to include any other person who would advance the purpose of the multidisciplinary team in the membership.

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.

NONE

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 WSP is not a required member of the multidisciplinary team created in New Section 17, but if we were invited and accepted membership under New Section 17(3)(f), we assume that our membership would be supported within current resources.

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: 5937 SB	Title: Crime victims & witnesses	Agency: 235-Department of Labor and Industries
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

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

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.5	3.2	1.9	3.2	3.2
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	79,000	521,000	600,000	1,092,000	1,179,000
Total \$	79,000	521,000	600,000	1,092,000	1,179,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs 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.

See attached.

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.

See attached.

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.

See attached.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	79,000	521,000	600,000	1,092,000	1,179,000
Total \$			79,000	521,000	600,000	1,092,000	1,179,000

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

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.5	3.2	1.9	3.2	3.2
A-Salaries and Wages	29,000	169,000	198,000	338,000	338,000
B-Employee Benefits	13,000	77,000	90,000	154,000	154,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	7,000	32,000	39,000	64,000	64,000
G-Travel		1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
J-Capital Outlays	30,000		30,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services		242,000	242,000	534,000	621,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	79,000	521,000	600,000	1,092,000	1,179,000

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
Fiscal Analyst 5	60,633		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Medical Treatment Adjudicator 2	55,224	0.2	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.0
Office Assistant 3	56,676	0.2	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.0
Program Specialist 2	45,552	0.2	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		0.5	3.2	1.9	3.2	3.2

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

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.

See attached

Part II: Explanation

The bill changes eligibility criteria for Crime Victims Comp Program (CVCP).

- Requires CVCP to cover travel in circumstances it does not currently.
- Requires L&I CVCP to pay for sexual assault exams and domestic violence near fatal strangulation exams of a nonresident of the state of Washington.
- Requires L&I CVCP to enter into agreements with other states and local jurisdictions to reimburse for the costs of forensic exams for non-residents whose assaults occur out of state.

II. A – Brief Description of What the Measure Does that Has Fiscal Impact

Section 1 amended 7.68.020 by adding to the definition of criminal act that includes the already established definition by adding "unless otherwise provided in this chapter".

Section 2 amends RCW 7.68.060 by removing cooperation with law enforcement (LE) as a piece of eligibility criteria for allowing a CVC claim.

Section 5 amends RCW 7.68.080 and require CVC to cover travel from the place of injury to the place of treatment, if injury to the victim is serious enough to require it.

Section 7 amends RCW 7.68.170 and requires CVC to pay for sexual assault (SA) examinations for all exams conducted in WA regardless of where the assault took place.

Section 8 amends RCW 7.68.803 and requires CVC to pay for the examination for victims of domestic violence assault involving near fatal strangulation.

Section 9 requires CVC to enter into agreements with other states for reimbursement of payment for exams if the victims are non-WA residents and the assault occurred in another state to the crime victims' compensation fund.

II. B – Cash Receipt Impact

This bill will have an impact to federal revenue received in the General Fund. However, due to the following, L&I cannot estimate the amount at this time:

- The federal funding formula provides funding at 75 percent for state spending from the fiscal year three years prior.
 - This can also be adjusted if federal funding is reduced at the federal level.
- As federal funding increases, federal expenditures also increase which in turn reduces the amount of state spending, which reduces the amount of federal funding.
- The formula is based on a Federal Fiscal Year.
- The federal formula also requires recovery costs, actual salary and benefit costs, for staff who work in collections.

Section 9 will have an impact to the Crime Victims Compensation Account. This section direct the department into agreements with any other state for reimbursement to the crime victims' compensation fund if a non-resident of the state of Washington who is a victim of a sexual assault that occurred in another state receives an examination. Currently only 29 states cover SA exams through the state CVC program. Each of those 29 states cover the exam in a variety of ways and have different requirements for what timeframes will be covered. In Oregon, for example, exams are not covered if more than 120 hours have passed since the assault. The other states cover exams at local levels, law enforcement, prosecutors, special offices set up by the state, but not CVC, etc.

Due to these difference from state-to-state, the department cannot estimate if or how these agreements would be put in place and when these reimbursements would be made making this section indeterminate at this time.

II. C – Expenditures

Appropriated – Operating Costs

This bill increases expenditures to the General Fund, fund 001. The following assumptions were used to estimate the resources requested to implement this bill.

Staffing

1 FTE, Program Specialist 2, permanent, starting 5/1/2024. Duties include: Coordination of benefits between WA CVC and other states or local jurisdiction in other states and keep current on the requirements and contact information on all state or local jurisdictions who cover the payment of SA exams for their state. This will require constant monitoring and working with staff in other states to coordinate the agreements.

1 FTE, Medical Treatment Adjudicator 2, permanent, starting 5/1/2024. Duties include processing payments for bills.

- It is estimated that this bill will produce an additional 1,200 new bills per year.

1 FTE, Office Assistant 3, permanent, starting 5/1/2024. Duties include data entry of medical bills.

Crime Victims Compensation Benefits

Section 2 amends RCW 7.68.060 by removing cooperation with law enforcement (LE) as a piece of eligibility criteria for allowing a CVC claim. This will result in additional allowed claims under the CVC program. In FY 22 and 23 a combined 110 claims were denied for no cooperation with LE. The average cost per claim in those years was \$2,658. We expect medical cost to increase approximately 5% and the claims to increase a modest 2%, making the average numbers of claims now allowed 58 per FY. The average cost per claim \$3,085 for a total cost per FY \$178,907. This is an expected cost of \$902,662 over the next five fiscal years.

This amount would potentially have to be excluded from the calculations used to apply for the federal DOJ grant. CVC already has policy exceptions as listed in the US code. The federal grant is a part of the overall CVC budget for providing benefits to victims. If this is removed, it's possible WA CVC would need to remove these claims, if allowed, from the calculations used to apply for the grant.

FY	Claims increased 2% each year from 55	Avg Cost increased 5% each year from 2658	Average amount paid
2025	56	\$ 2,791.00	\$ 156,296
2026	57	\$ 2,931.00	\$ 167,067
2027	58	\$ 3,077.00	\$ 178,466
2028	60	\$ 3,231.00	\$ 193,860
2029	61	\$ 3,393.00	\$ 206,973
Total	292	\$ 15,423.00	\$ 902,662
Average of 5 years	58	\$ 3,084.60	\$ 178,907

Section 5 amends RCW 7.68.080 and require CVC to cover travel from the place of injury to the place of treatment, if injury to the victim is serious enough to require it. In FY 22 and 23 approximately \$261,000 was spent on emergency transportation on about 266 claims (section 5). That would have been a one-way trip, which is current practice. Current practice would generally be by ambulance as the injury is of a serious nature. A return trip would be covered by commercial transport or client reimbursement.

In FY 22 and 23 approximately \$2,500 was paid in commercial transport or client reimbursement on 15 claims. With a slight increase of 2% in the number of claims needing these services and a modest 5% increase in the cost of medical services we anticipate an average of 129 claims per FY year at an average cost of approximately \$301 for a FY total of \$38,924 or a cost of \$195,000 over the next 5 fiscal years.

FY	Claims increased 2% each year from 122	Avg Cost increased 5% each year from 259	Average amount paid
2025	124	\$ 272.00	\$ 33,728
2026	127	\$ 286.00	\$ 36,322
2027	129	\$ 300.00	\$ 38,700
2028	132	\$ 315.00	\$ 41,580
2029	135	\$ 331.00	\$ 44,685
Total	647	\$ 1,504.00	\$ 195,015
Average of 5 years	129	\$ 300.80	\$ 38,924

Section 7 amends RCW 7.68.170 and requires CVC to pay for sexual assault (SA) examinations for all exams conducted in WA regardless of where the assault took place. In FY 22 and 23 combined there were seven sexual assault exams with the crimes occurring out of state. The assumption is that this is low number, as many stakeholders are aware this is not a current benefit and therefore not billing. In FY 23 the average cost per exam was \$1,450. Assuming about 20 claims per FY for out of state exams and a 5% increase in medical cost, we anticipate an average cost of \$1,683 per exam and approximately 21 exams, totaling \$35,675, or \$ 178,784 over the next five FY.

FY	Claims increased 2% each year from 20	Avg Cost increased 5% each year from 1450	Average amount paid
2025	21	\$ 1,599.00	\$ 33,579
2026	21	\$ 1,679.00	\$ 35,259
2027	22	\$ 1,762.00	\$ 38,764
2028	22	\$ 1,851.00	\$ 40,722
2029	23	\$ 1,943.00	\$ 44,689
Total	106	\$ 8,414.00	\$ 178,784
Average of 5 year	21	\$ 1,682.80	\$ 35,675

Section 8 amends RCW 7.68.803 and requires CVC to pay for the examination for victims of domestic violence assault involving near fatal strangulation. In FY 22 and 23 combined there were no DV strangulation exams with the crimes occurring out of state. We are making the assumption that no exams were billed to the department, as many stakeholders are aware this is not a current benefit and therefore not billing. In FY 23 the average cost per exam was \$1,704. Assuming about 10 claims per FY for out-of-state exams and a 5% increase in medical cost, we anticipate about 11 claims averaging a cost of \$1,977, or \$20,960 per FY, or \$105,089 over the next five FY.

FY	Claims increased 2% each year from 20	Avg Cost increased 5% each year from 1704	Average amount paid
2025	10	\$ 1,789.00	\$ 17,890
2026	10	\$ 1,879.00	\$ 18,790
2027	11	\$ 1,973.00	\$ 21,703
2028	11	\$ 2,071.00	\$ 22,781
2029	11	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 23,925
Total	53	\$ 9,887.00	\$ 105,089
Average of 5 years	11	\$ 1,977.40	\$ 20,960

Indirect Costs

The amount included in this fiscal note for indirect is:

Fund Name	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
001 General Fund	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
Total:	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000

The department assesses an indirect rate to cover agency-wide administrative costs. Labor and Industries’ indirect rate is applied on salaries, benefits, and standard costs. For fiscal note purposes, the total indirect amount is converted into salary and benefits for partial or full indirect FTEs. Salary and benefits costs are based on a Fiscal Analyst 5 (Range 59, Step G).

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

This legislation would result in rule changes to:

- RCW 7.68
- WAC 296.30

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5937 SB	Title: Crime victims & witnesses	Agency: 307-Department of Children, Youth, and Families
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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

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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- 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.
- 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.

Section 12 amends RCW 9A.04.080 to eliminate the statute of limitations for Rape in the First, Second, or Third Degree when the perpetrator is a first responder and used his or her position to facilitate the commission of the offense.

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.

None

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.

Fiscal impact is indeterminate.

With the elimination of the the statute of limitations for multiple sex offenses, the bill may potentially result in an increase in Average Daily Population (ADP) and indeterminate costs to DCYF. DCYF does not have data regarding how many individuals will be impacted, therefore, the caseload forecast and per capita adjustments are unknown at this time.

DCYF assumes the impact will result when the ADP caseload changes in the Jr residential facilities forecast. The impact would be reflected in the forecasted maintenance level budget step. DCYF will true up our fiscal impact in subsequent budget submittals if the legislation is enacted into law.

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

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: 5937 SB	Title: Crime victims & witnesses	Agency: 310-Department of Corrections
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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

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

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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.

This bill supports crime victims and witnesses by promoting victim-centered, trauma-informed responses in the legal system

Section 1 amends RCW 7.68.020 by amending the definition of “Criminal Act.”

Section 2 amends RCW 7.68.060 by removing subsection (3) concerning restrictions on eligibility for benefits under the chapter.

Section 3 amends RCW 7.68.066 to clarify travel expenses are to be considered round-trip.

Section 4 amends RCW 7.68.070 by updating a subsection reference.

Section 5 amends RCW 7.68.080 to clarify transportation costs are to be considered round-trip.

Section 6 amends RCW 7.68.094 to clarify travel expenses are to be considered reasonable round-trip.

Section 7 amends RCW 7.68.170 by including clarification that costs incurred by a hospital or other emergency medical facility for the examination of a victim of sexual assault cannot be billed or charged to the victim of such an assault that occurred in or outside of Washington.

Section 8 amends RCW 7.68.803 by including clarification that costs incurred by a hospital or other emergency medical facility for the examination of a victim of domestic violence assault cannot be billed or charged to the victim of such an assault that occurred in or outside of Washington.

Section 9 adds a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW to define “other state” and “another state” and directs agreements with other states for reimbursement to the crime victims’ compensation fund if a nonresident of Washington is the victim of a sexual assault that occurred in another state and receives an examination in the state of Washington.

Section 10 amends RCW 7.69.010 by adding language stating the intent of the legislature ensures that all victims and witnesses are afforded access to justice to participate in criminal justice proceedings including enhanced accessibility. This includes the opportunity to participate and attend court hearings in person or remotely, including by video or other electronic means.

Section 11 amends RCW 7.69.030 by expanding rights of victims, survivors of victims, and witnesses to civil commitment proceedings under chapter 10.77 RCW and includes the filing of charges to the information required to be provided. This section amends the victim to have access to immediate medical assistance and may attend court proceedings in person, or remotely. It also amends the administrative office of the courts directing compliance with this section.

Section 12 amends RCW 9A.04.080 by elimination of the statute of limitations for rape in the first, second, or third degree when the perpetrator is a first responder using the first responder’s position to facilitate the commission of the offense.

Section 13 amends RCW 9A.44.020 by requiring a pretrial motion be made in advance of the trial date when the defense has an offer of proof of the relevancy of evidence of past sexual behavior of the victim. If the court finds this proof sufficient, a hearing shall be offered before the jury is empaneled. Adds language stating the victim, the victim’s attorney, a lawful representative of the victim, or the prosecutor upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of this section’s procedures.

Effective date is assumed to be 90 days after adjournment of session in which this bill is passed.

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.

We assume this bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact to Department of Corrections (DOC) of less than \$50,000 per Fiscal Year (FY).

The Caseload Forecast Council has no data concerning the length of time between the commission or discovery of offenses and the commencing of prosecution, and, therefore, cannot reliably predict jail and prison bed impacts resulting from the bill. However, with the bill eliminating the statute of limitations for multiple sex offenses, there is the possibility that more sex offenses may be prosecuted, resulting in more convictions, which would increase the need for prison beds, jail beds, local and Juvenile Rehabilitation jail beds, and increased Supervision caseloads.

Customization of the Offender Management Network Information (OMNI) system is needed to meet the requirements of this legislation. Due to the complexity of completing the development, testing, and implementation of the statutory changes, contracted services are necessary in FY2024.

To implement this legislation, OMNI data tables need to be updated to RCW 9.94A.525 for technical corrections.

Cost Calculation Estimate:

IT Application Developer| \$120 per hour x 10 hours = \$1,200

IT Quality Assurance| \$120 per hour x 8 hours = \$960

IT Business Analyst| \$120 per hour x 10 hours = \$1,200

Total One-Time Costs in FY2025 \$3,360

The DOC assumes this bill would likely result in an Average Daily Population (ADP) increase, although the impact cannot be reliably estimated. Therefore, the fiscal impact is indeterminate, assumed to be less than \$50,000 per FY.

We assume additional impacts will result when ADP caseload changes in either prison or community, and resources will be necessary. The DOC will “true up” our fiscal impact in subsequent budget submittals should the legislation be enacted into session law.

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: 5937 SB

Title: Crime victims & witnesses

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

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities: Approximately \$117,984 to train local law enforcement officers on modified criminal offense; indeterminate expenditure impact from new notification requirements and eliminated statute of limitations; indeterminate expenditure impact as a result of increased demand for jail, juvenile detention beds
- Counties: Approximately \$40,482 to train local law enforcement officers on modified criminal offense; indeterminate expenditure impact from new notification requirements and eliminated statute of limitations; indeterminate expenditure impact as a result of increased demand for jail, juvenile detention beds; indeterminate expenditure impact as a result of new prosecution requirements
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs: Approximately \$158,466 to train local law enforcement on modified criminal offense
- Legislation provides local option:
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Additional sealing orders required; composition of new required multidisciplinary teams and annual staff team required to meet; increased demand for jail, juvenile detention beds as a result of eliminating statute of limitations for certain sex offenses; staff time required for notifications of charges being filed; additional law enforcement time required in court as a result of eliminating statute of limitations on certain sex offenses

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Jurisdiction	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
City	117,984		117,984		
County	40,482		40,482		
TOTAL \$	158,466		158,466		
GRAND TOTAL \$					158,466

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs 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.

Section 11 of the proposed legislation would amend RCW 7.69.030, extending the rights of victims, survivors of victims and witnesses of crimes to civil commitment proceedings under chapter 10.77 RCW. The amendments in this section would also add a right to be informed by local law enforcement agencies or prosecutors that charges have been filed.

Section 12 would amend RCW 9A.04.080, removing the statute of limitations on rape in the first through third degree if the perpetrator is a first responder who used their position as a first responder to facilitate committing the offense.

Section 14 would amend RCW 9A.44.040, expanding the definition of the existing class A felony offense of rape in the first degree.

Under the amendments, a person would be guilty of this offense if they engage in sexual intercourse with a person when the victim is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless or mentally incapacitated as a result of the perpetrator or an accessory:

-Putting any substance in any food, drink, medicine, edible substance or vapor product.

-Furnishing any food, drink, medicine, edible substance or vapor product containing any substance to the victim with the intent of making them physically helpless or mentally incapacitated.

Section 16 would add a new section to chapter 9A.44 RCW, requiring prosecutors to seek an order sealing depictions of a victim or a victim's genitals that were created during a sexual assault medical forensic examination and marked as an exhibit in a criminal proceeding at the close of the trial. This section would also detail the process by which clerks of the court retain and eventually destroy these sealed exhibits.

Section 17 would add a new section to chapter 36.27 RCW, requiring the prosecuting attorney of each county to coordinate the establishment of a multidisciplinary team to address adult sexual assault or coordinate with other local jurisdictions to ensure that resources are available to adult victims of sexual assault. This team would be required to meet at least annually to develop protocols and responses to adult sexual assault, and would be required to include the sheriff of the county or the sheriff's designee.

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 require approximately \$158,466 in one-time local government expenditures, in addition to other indeterminate expenditure impacts.

According to the Washington State Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) for this bill, eliminating the statute of limitations for multiple sex offenses could increase demand for jail beds and local juvenile detention beds, in addition to prison beds. CFC does not have the data to reliably predict exactly what this increased demand for jail and local juvenile detention beds might be, however, so the resulting expenditure impact on local governments is indeterminate.

The 2024 Local Government Fiscal Note Program Criminal Justice Cost Model estimates that the average daily cost of occupying a jail bed is \$145. The Local Government Fiscal Note Program does not have detailed information on the costs of juvenile detention, however the average daily rate for juvenile detention beds is generally higher than the same figure for a jail bed.

According to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), all local law enforcement officers would need to go through training regarding the changes this bill would make to the existing class A felony offense of rape in the first degree. WASPC estimates that approximately 15 minutes of training would be required per law enforcement

officer. This training would require a one-time cost of \$117,984 for cities and \$40,482 for counties, for a total one-time cost to local governments of \$158,466.

The 2022 Crime in Washington Report conducted by WASPC states that there are 6,647 commissioned officers in police departments and 2,249 commissioned officers in sheriff's departments, for a total of 8,896 commissioned law enforcement employees that would require training. The 2024 Local Government Fiscal Note Program Criminal Justice Cost Model estimates the average hourly salary (including benefits and overhead) for an officer employed by a city to be \$71, and the same figure for an officer employed by a county to be \$72. If every officer in Washington had to complete approximately 15 minutes of training, the cost to local governments would be:

Cities:

6,647 officers X 0.25 hours X \$71 average hourly salary plus benefits and overhead = \$117,984

Counties:

2,249 officers X 0.25 hours X \$72 average hourly salary plus benefits and overhead = \$40,482

Total:

\$117,984 + \$40,482 = \$158,466

Training materials and time required may differ among different departments, however.

WASPC also indicates that the requirement in section 11 of the bill that local law enforcement agencies or prosecutors notify victims, survivors of victims or witnesses that charges in a case have been filed could create the need for additional law enforcement staff time, but that the cost impact of this additional time would likely be minimal. In addition, WASPC indicates that removing the statute of limitations on rape involving a first responder in the first through third degree could require additional officer time in court for arresting or investigating agencies, although this cost impact would also likely be minimal.

The Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) indicates that sections 16 and 17 would create indeterminate expenditure increases for prosecutors. The requirement in section 16 that prosecutors seek orders sealing certain kinds of exhibits would require additional prosecutor time. However, WAPA indicates that the use of the specified exhibits at trial is limited, and that in some jurisdictions seeking these orders may already be in practice. Section 17 would require the prosecuting attorney of each county to coordinate the establishment of a multidisciplinary team to address adult sexual assault or coordinate with other local jurisdictions to ensure that resources are available to adult victims of sexual assault, and county sheriffs or a designee would also be required to be part of these teams. WAPA indicates that while many larger jurisdictions already have task forces or teams that would meet the requirements of this section, many smaller jurisdictions do not.

It is unknown, however, how many future trials may involve the use of exhibits that prosecutors would be required to seek sealed, or how many new sealing orders prosecutors might seek. Additionally, it is unknown how many counties would need to stand up new multidisciplinary teams to address adult sexual assault, what the composition of those teams might be, or how many hours annually those teams might meet. Accordingly the expenditure impact on prosecutors as a result of the provisions of sections 16 and 17 of the proposed legislation is indeterminate. The 2024 Local Government Fiscal Note Program Unit Cost Model estimates that the average hourly salary, plus benefits and overhead, for a county prosecuting attorney is \$117, and the same figure for a sheriff is \$157.

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 proposed legislation would have no impact on local government revenues.

SOURCES:

Association of Washington Cities Salary and Benefits Survey, 2023
Crime in Washington Report, 2022
Local Government Fiscal Note Program Criminal Justice Cost Model, 2024
Local Government Fiscal Note Program Unit Cost Model, 2024
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
Washington State Caseload Forecast Council