

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 6199 SB	Title: Housing authority notices
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Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- Special Districts: housing authorities
- 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: changes in staffing costs

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Jurisdiction	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County		1,233,182	1,233,182	2,466,364	2,466,364
TOTAL \$		1,233,182	1,233,182	2,466,364	2,466,364
GRAND TOTAL \$					6,165,910

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.

Return receipt service, or similar method, would be required for all mail sent by a Housing Authorities to individuals when Housing Authorities send notification regarding eligibility for financial assistance. Individuals would be allowed to opt-out of the notification requirements.

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 increase housing authority expenditures by at least \$1,233,182 per fiscal year according to the Washington Association of Housing Authorities.

This analysis is based on an estimate of 337,858 annual mailings to households regarding eligibility for financial assistance. Mailing costs are anticipated to increase from \$0.66 per envelope to \$4.31 with the addition of return receipt service, a differential of \$3.65 per mailing. Total increased mailing costs are estimated at \$1,233,182 (337,858 households x \$3.65 differential mailing cost = \$1,233,182). Increased costs are assumed to begin in Fiscal Year 2025.

Additional indeterminate expenditures are anticipated related to staffing costs for sending and responding to mailings.

Mailing estimates assume quarterly contact with subsidized households. Additional mailings to tax credit, United States Department of Agriculture, and waiting list households are anticipated to occur twice each year.

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.

SOURCE:

Association of Washington Housing Authorities