

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 2311 HB	Title: First responder wellness
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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
Washington State Patrol	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Criminal Justice Training Commission	1.5	359,000	359,000	359,000	3.0	688,000	688,000	688,000	3.0	688,000	688,000	688,000
Criminal Justice Training Commission	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Department of Corrections	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Total \$	1.5	359,000	359,000	359,000	3.0	688,000	688,000	688,000	3.0	688,000	688,000	688,000

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
Washington State Patrol	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Criminal Justice Training Commission	.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									
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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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2311 HB	Title: First responder wellness	Agency: 225-Washington State Patrol
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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.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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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.

There is an indeterminate impact to Washington State Patrol (WSP).

Section 1: Subject to funding, requires the Criminal Justice Training Commission(CJTC) to create a statewide task force to address first responder wellness including peer support counseling. The WSP is a required member of this task force. This ends December 31, 2028.

Section 5: States that subject to funding, the CJTC is to establish and administer a grant program to provide funding to first responders for the implementation or expansion of peer support counseling programs.

Subsection 6(6)(a): In RCW 5.60.060, a peer support counselor shall not be compelled to testify about any communication made to the counselor during counseling. This privilege is extended in this bill to apply regardless whether the counselor and the client are employed by the same employer or not. Furthermore, in subsection 6(6)(b)(v), the definition of a peer support counselor under RCW 5.60.060 is extended to include a retired first responder, and can provide counseling not only in response to issues involved while acting in his or her official capacity, but also (per the bill) to deal with other stress that is impacting the peer support client's performance of official duties.

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 an indeterminate fiscal impact to the WSP to participate in the task force. It is unknown what the commitment will entail.

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

Bill Number: 2311 HB	Title: First responder wellness	Agency: 227-Criminal Justice Training 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	0.0	3.0	1.5	3.0	3.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	359,000	359,000	688,000	688,000
Total \$	0	359,000	359,000	688,000	688,000

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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- 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 1(1) states subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the commission shall convene a task force on first responder wellness in Washington state.

Section 2(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the commission shall contract with an organization with expertise in peer emotional support and peer workforce development to develop and administer a 40-hour training program for first responder peer support counselors. The contracting organization must have prior experience developing peer support training for first responders in the state.

Section 2(4) states the contracting organization must complete development of the training program and begin administering it by August 1, 2025.

Section 3(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the commission shall contract with an organization with expertise in mental health and substance use disorder counseling and treatment of first responders to develop and administer training for mental health and substance use disorder professionals to engender familiarity and cultural competency in the treatment of first responder clients.

Section 4(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the commission shall contract with an organization that provides free and confidential crisis response and referral services for Washington state active and retired first responders and their families, to develop and maintain:

(a) A first responder peer support network, which may include individual and group support options to help first responder peer support counselors address the vicarious trauma and secondary traumatic stress incurred by performing their peer support duties;

and

(b) A directory of licensed mental health and substance use disorder professionals who have cultural competency, experience, and training with treating first responders, which must indicate whether such professionals have completed the training established under section 3 of this act.

Section 5(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the commission shall establish and administer a grant program to provide funding to first responder entities and agencies for the implementation or expansion of peer support counseling programs.

Section 7(10)(a) adds corrections agencies to the officer wellness grant 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.

This bill has no cash receipt impact.

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 is indeterminate as the amount to be made available for the commission to contract with

organizations as described in sections 2, 3 and 4 is unknown, as well as the cost for an unidentified organization to perform the required work.

The amount made available for the commission to establish and administer a grant program as described in section 5 is unknown.

Estimated expenses to convene a task force on first responder wellness, contract with organizations to meet requirements of sections 2 through 4, and to administer a grant program as described in section 5 are as follows:

Staff to manage and administer task force and programs, program support, and fiscal support for increased workload:

Program Manager:
 Salary = 129,000
 Benefits = \$38,000

Administrative Assistant 3:
 Salary = \$55,000
 Benefits = \$25,000

Fiscal Analyst 2:
 Salary = \$61,000
 Benefits = 26,000

Total annual salary and benefits = \$334,000.

Office expenses = \$10,000 annually.

Office equipment/furniture = \$15,000 in fiscal year 2025 only.

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	0	359,000	359,000	688,000	688,000
Total \$			0	359,000	359,000	688,000	688,000

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		3.0	1.5	3.0	3.0
A-Salaries and Wages		245,000	245,000	490,000	490,000
B-Employee Benefits		89,000	89,000	178,000	178,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000
G-Travel					
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 \$	0	359,000	359,000	688,000	688,000

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
Administrative Assistant 3	55,000		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Fiscal Analyst 2	61,000		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Program Manager - WMS 2	129,000		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs			3.0	1.5	3.0	3.0

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

Bill Number: 2311 HB	Title: First responder wellness	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

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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.

House Bill 2311 relates to supporting first responder wellness and peer support amending RCW 5.60.060; amending 2023 c 475 s 218 (uncodified); adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Section 1(1) states, that subject to the availability of amounts appropriated, the Washington state criminal justice training commission shall convene a task force on first responder wellness in Washington state. To the extent possible, the membership of the task force should include representatives that reflect the diversity of the first responder professions, including diversity in geography, gender, sexuality, and race.

Section 1(2)(e) adds the secretary of the department of corrections, or the secretary's designee to the task force.

Section 1(3) states that the initial meeting of the task force shall convene no later than December 1, 2024, and Section 1(4) adds at a minimum, the task force shall meet quarterly.

Section 1(6)(a) states that the task force shall also develop and publish model policies for first responder peer support counseling tailored to the several types of first responder professions, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services frontline providers, emergency dispatchers, and corrections officers.

Section 1(6)(b) adds the task force must design the model policies to support efforts to establish and expand peer support counseling opportunities and networks for the professions specified under Section 1(6)(a) of this subsection, and to develop best practices and resources for peer support counselors from those professions.

Section 1(7) states that beginning December 1, 2025, the task force shall submit an annual report to the legislature on the status of its work.

Section 1(8) states that Section 1 expires December 31, 2028.

Section 2(1) states, that subject to the availability of amounts appropriated, the Washington state criminal justice training commission shall contract with an organization with expertise in peer emotional support and peer workforce development to develop and administer a 40-hour training program for first responder peer support counselors. The contracting organization must have prior experience developing peer support training for first responders in the state.

Section 2(2) states that the contracting organization must engage in in-depth consultation with corrections officers when developing the training program and compensate the first responders for their consultation.

Section 3(1) states, that subject to the availability of amounts appropriated, the Washington state criminal justice training commission shall contract with an organization with expertise in mental health and substance use disorder counseling and treatment of first responders to develop and administer training for mental health and substance use disorder professionals to engender familiarity and cultural competency in the treatment of first responder clients.

Section 3(2) adds the contracting organization must consult with corrections officers when developing the training.

Section 7(10)(a) adds corrections agencies are eligible to receive state appropriation grants from the commission to establish officer wellness programs in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025.

The effective date is assumed to be 90 days after adjournment of the 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.

The fiscal impact of this bill to the Department of Corrections (DOC) is indeterminate, assumed to be under \$50,000 per Fiscal Year (FY).

We assume financial impacts will result from the secretary, or the secretary's designee, participating on the task force for first responder wellness. Additional financial impacts related to the time that corrections officers are engaging and consulting with the contracting organization as they are developing the training is also anticipated.

The DOC cannot reasonably estimate the time and costs associated with these efforts. Therefore, 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: 2311 HB

Title: First responder wellness

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

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:** Cost to first responder agencies to cover costs of 40-hour peer counseling training; Cost for first responder agencies to compensation trained counselors for services provided; Revenue increase from the first responder peer support counseling grant
- Counties:** Cost to first responder agencies to cover costs of 40-hour peer counseling training; Cost for first responder agencies to compensation trained counselors for services provided; Revenue increase from the first responder peer support counseling grant
- Special Districts:** Cost to first responder agencies to cover costs of 40-hour peer counseling training; Cost for first responder agencies to compensation trained counselors for services provided; Revenue increase from the first responder peer support counseling grant
- Specific jurisdictions only:**
- Variance occurs due to:**

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:** Cost to first responder agencies to cover costs of 40-hour peer counseling training
- Legislation provides local option:** Local option to apply for the first responder peer support counseling grant
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:** Cost to first responder agencies to cover costs of 40-hour peer counseling training; Cost for first responder agencies to compensation trained counselors for services provided; Revenue increase from the first responder peer support counseling grant

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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OFM Review: Danya Clevenger	Phone: (360) 688-6413	Date: 01/26/2024

Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

Summary: Directs the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to contract with certain entities to develop a 40-hour training program for first responder peer support counselors, a first responder peer support network, and a directory of mental health and SUD professionals with specific competency, experience, and training. Requires the CJTC to establish and administer a grant program to provide funding for the implementation or expansion of first responder peer support counseling programs.

Sections that impact local governments:

Sec. 1 (Adds new section to RCW 43.101):

(2) (a) Requires the first responder wellness task force to consist of two members of:

- (i) Law enforcement officers;
- (ii) Firefighters;
- (iii) Emergency medical services frontline providers;
- (iv) Emergency dispatcher;
- (v) Corrections officers.

(6) (a) Requires the task force to develop and public model policies for first responder peer support counseling for the following first responder professions:

- (i) Law enforcement officers;
- (ii) Firefighters;
- (iii) Emergency medical services frontline providers;
- (iv) Emergency dispatcher;
- (v) Corrections officers.

(6) (d) The task force must publish the model policies by December 31, 2025.

Sec. 2 (Adds new section to RCW 43.101):

(1) Requires the commission to contract with an organization with expertise in peer emotional support and peer workforce development to develop and administer a 40-hour training program for first responder peer support counselors.

(2) The contracting organization must consultation with law enforcement officers, corrections officers, firefighters, emergency services dispatchers or record-keepers, and emergency medical personnel when developing the training program. They must also compensate first responders for their consultation.

(3) A portion of the training program's curriculum must be relevant to all first responder professions and specifically curated to address the unique needs of each first responder profession.

(4) The contracting organization must complete development of the training program and begin administering it by August 1, 2025.

(5) The contracting organization must utilize current or retired first responders as co-trainers to deliver the training program.

Sec. 5 (Adds new section to RCW 43.101):

(1) Requires the commission to establish and administer a grant program to provide funding to first responder entities and agencies for the implementation or expansion of peer support counseling programs.

(2) Outlines requirements for first responder entity or agency that receives funding through the grant program:

- (a) Must ensure every peer support counselor designated by the entity or agency enrolls in and completes the 40-hour

training program;

(b) Must compensate every peer support counselor designated by the entity or agency for their services in that role;

(c) Must provide information to every peer support counselor designated by the entity or agency about the first responder peer support network.

Sec. 6 (Amends RCW 5.60.060):

(6) (a) Adds language which requires peer support counselor not to be compelled to testify about any communication made to the counselor by the peer support client without the consent of the client. This privilege applies whether the peer support client is an employee of the same agency as the counselor.

Sec. 7 (Amends 2023 c 475 s 218)

(10) (a) Adds language which extends the grant for establishing officer wellness programs to corrections agencies.

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 have an indeterminate expenditure impact on local governments.

There is not enough available data to estimate the cost for first responder agencies to cover the optional 40-hour peer counseling training. The cost of the 40-hour peer counseling training and peer counseling compensation is unknown for all qualified first responders. However, the Local Government Fiscal Note Program Unit Cost model estimates that a 40-hour training, without travel or lodging expenses, would cost first responder agencies at the city level roughly \$2,477 per firefighter and \$2,511 per police officer. Travel and lodging costs were not included because it's unknown if the peer counseling training will require travel. The cost for agencies to cover peer counseling training for emergency medical services frontline providers, emergency dispatchers, and corrections officers is indeterminate because they are not included in the Local Government Fiscal Note Program Unit Cost model.

Additionally, the cost for first responder agencies to compensation their trained counselors is unknown and could be covered by fund awarded to the agency through the first responder peer support counseling grant.

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 have an indeterminate revenue impact on local governments.

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on local government revenue because the amount that would be awarded to local government by the first responder peer support counseling grant is unknown. Local governments also have the option to apply for the first responder peer support counseling grant.

SOURCES:

Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

House Bill Report, HB 2311, Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry Committee

Local Government Fiscal Note Program, Unit Cost Data (2024)