

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2395 HB	<b>Title:</b> Strangulation & suffocation
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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	No fiscal impact					
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other						
Local Gov. Total						

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Administrative Office of the Courts	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
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 Children, Youth, and Families	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Department of Corrections	.0	5,000	5,000	5,000	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Corrections	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	No fiscal impact								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Administrative Office of the Courts	.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 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
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	No fiscal impact								
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

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2395 HB	<b>Title:</b> Strangulation & suffocation	<b>Agency:</b> 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Expenditures from:**

NONE

**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.*

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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 improving public safety by deterring assaults involving strangulation or suffocation.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

### II. C - Expenditures

No fiscal impact to the Administrative Office of the Courts or the courts.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

### III. D - FTE Detail

NONE

### III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## 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

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2395 HB	<b>Title:</b> Strangulation & suffocation	<b>Agency:</b> 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

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Agency Approval: Clela Steelhammer	Phone: 360-664-9381	Date: 01/19/2024
OFM Review: Danya Clevenger	Phone: (360) 688-6413	Date: 01/22/2024

## 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.*

# **HB 2395**

## **DETERRING ASSAULTS INVOLVING STRANGULATION OR SUFFICATION**

**101 – Caseload Forecast Council**

**January 17, 2024**

### **SUMMARY**

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

Section 1 States the legislative intent is to specify that a person's consent to strangulation or suffocation is not a defense to a prosecution for assault.

Section 2 Amends RCW 9A.36.021 by adding that it is not a defense that the victim consented to being strangled or suffocated in a prosecution for Assault in the Second Degree by strangulation or suffocation.

### **EXPENDITURES**

#### **Assumptions.**

None.

#### **Impact on the Caseload Forecast Council.**

None.

#### **Impact Summary**

This bill:

- May allow more prosecutions for Assault in the Second Degree by strangulation or suffocation.

#### **Impact on prison beds and jail beds.**

The Caseload Forecast Council has no information about how many more incidents of the expanded felony offense may occur under the provisions of the bill or the sentences that might actually be imposed. Therefore, the Caseload Forecast Council cannot reliably predict bed impacts resulting from the bill. However:

As a Class B felony offense ranked at Seriousness Level 4 on the adult felony sentencing grid, Assault in the Second Degree is punishable by a standard range term of confinement of 3-9 months in jail and 63-84 months in prison. Therefore, any increased incidences under the provision of the bill would impact both prison and jail beds.



**Impact on local detention and Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) beds.**

As a Class B felony at Offense Category B+ on the juvenile offender sentencing grid, Assault in the Second Degree is punishable by a standard range term of confinement of 15-36 weeks to 103-129 weeks in a JR facility. Therefore, any increased incidences under the provision of the bill would impact JR beds only.

**Impact on Department of Corrections (DOC) Supervision.**

The offense of Assault in the Second Degree is defined as a Violent offense. As such, an individual assessed as high risk to reoffend in the community may be required to be supervised by DOC upon release. For individuals releasing from a non-prison sentence, the community custody term may be up to one year; and for those releasing from prison, one year is required.

Given the above, any new sentences resulting from provisions of this bill by an individual assessed as high risk to reoffend may increase of the DOC's Community Custody caseload.

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2395 HB	<b>Title:</b> Strangulation & suffocation	<b>Agency:</b> 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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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Agency Approval: Mario Buono	Phone: (360) 596-4046	Date: 01/22/2024
OFM Review: Tiffany West	Phone: (360) 890-2653	Date: 01/22/2024

## 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.*

The proposed legislation does not create a fiscal impact to the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

Section 2(3) states that consent to being strangled or suffocated is not a defense to a violation of assault by strangulation or suffocation.

### 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.*

None

## 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

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2395 HB	<b>Title:</b> Strangulation & suffocation	<b>Agency:</b> 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:**

**Non-zero but indeterminate cost 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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OFM Review: Danya Clevenger	Phone: (360) 688-6413	Date: 01/23/2024

## 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 2 (3) amends RCW 9A.36.021 to add that a person consenting to being strangled or suffocated is not a defense to a violation to a prosecution of assault.

### 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 indeterminate.

With the additional language added to the statute, the bill may potentially result in an increase in Average Daily Population (ADP) and indeterminate costs to the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). DCYF does not have the data regarding how many individuals will be impacted, therefore, the caseload forecast and per capital adjustment are unknown at this time.

DCYF assumes the impact will result when the Average Daily Population (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

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

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2395 HB	<b>Title:</b> Strangulation & suffocation	<b>Agency:</b> 310-Department of Corrections
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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
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	0	5,000	5,000	0	0

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs 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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Agency Preparation: Buffy Hatcher	Phone: (360) 725-8428	Date: 01/25/2024
Agency Approval: Michael Steenhout	Phone: (360) 789-0480	Date: 01/25/2024
OFM Review: Danya Clevenger	Phone: (360) 688-6413	Date: 01/26/2024



## 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 Act pertains to improving public safety by deterring assaults involving strangulation and suffocation.

Section 2(3) amends RCW 9A.36.021 and adds that consensual strangulation or suffocation is not a defense in a prosecution for assault in the Second Degree by strangulation or suffocation.

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

None. All impacts are General Fund-State.

### 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 assumed to be indeterminate, less than \$50,000 per Fiscal Year (FY).

This bill may allow more prosecutions for Assault in the Second Degree by strangulation or suffocation.

The Caseload Forecast Council has no information about how many more incidents of the expanded felony offense may occur under the provisions of the bill or the sentences that might actually be imposed. Therefore, the Caseload Forecast Council cannot reliably predict bed impacts resulting from the bill. However:

As a Class B felony offense ranked at Seriousness Level 4 on the adult felony sentencing grid, Assault in the Second Degree is punishable by a standard range term of confinement of 3-9 months in jail and 63-84 months in prison. Therefore, any increased incidences under the provision of the bill would impact both prison and jail beds.

The offense of Assault in the Second Degree is defined as a Violent offense. As such, an individual assessed as high risk to re-offend in the community may be required to be supervised by DOC upon release. For individuals released from a non-prison sentence, the community custody term may be up to one year, and for those released from prison, one year is required.

Given the above, any new sentences resulting from provisions of this bill by an individual assessed as high risk to re-offend may increase the DOC's Community Custody caseload.

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 FY2025.

To implement this legislation, OMNI data tables need to be updated to amend RCW 9A.36.021 for technical corrections.

Cost Calculation Estimate for 2025 IT Expense:

IT Application Developer | \$185.00 per hour x 10 hours = \$1,850  
 IT Business Analyst | \$185.00 per hour x 8 hours = \$1,480  
 IT Quality Assurance | \$185.00 per hour x 8 hours = \$1,480  
 Total One-Time Costs IN FY2025: \$5,000 (rounded)

**ASSUMPTIONS**

- 1) The estimated ADP impact to DOC prison facilities/institutions and/or community supervision/violator caseloads is based on projections from CFC.
  
- 2) For illustration purposes only, the average annual Community Supervision caseload model is \$6,101 per ADP (not including startup costs), regardless of the supervised risk level based on the workload model. If ADP impacts are applicable to this fiscal note, the calculated rate per community supervision ADP includes direct supervision and ancillary units, such as Hearings, Records, and Training, that are directly affected by supervision population changes. The estimate will vary based on the risk level of the supervised individuals, which requires different staffing levels. The population trend data used is based on the Risk Level Classification tool and provides a risk level of 42.8% high violent, 27.3% high non-violent, 21% moderate, 7.9% low, and 1.0% unclassified. (June – November 2017)
  
- 3) The DOC assumes that any increase in community supervision caseload will result in an increased need for violator beds. For illustration, the FY2023 average percentage of supervised individuals who served jail time and were billed by the local jurisdictions for violating their conditions of supervision was a rate of 2.0%. The current average daily cost for jail beds is \$114.43 per day, inclusive of all risk levels and healthcare costs. The rate is an average, and actual rates vary by local correctional facilities.
  
- 4) We assume a phase-in will be necessary to successfully achieve the reductions/additions needed based on this legislation.
  
- 5) 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**

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>			0	5,000	5,000	0	0

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					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts		5,000	5,000		
E-Goods and Other Services					
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-					
<b>Total \$</b>	0	5,000	5,000	0	0

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

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Administration & Support Services (100)		5,000	5,000		
<b>Total \$</b>		5,000	5,000		

**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.*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

**Bill Number:** 2395 HB

**Title:** Strangulation & suffocation

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

### Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties: Indeterminate costs for county prosecutors, court-appointed defense attorneys, and jails.
- 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: Number of instances of prosecutions for expanded felony definition.

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

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

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

Fiscal Note Analyst: Alice Zillah	Phone: 360-725-5035	Date: 01/19/2024
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Agency Approval: Allan Johnson	Phone: 360-725-5033	Date: 01/19/2024
OFM Review: Danya Clevenger	Phone: (360) 688-6413	Date: 01/22/2024

## **Part IV: Analysis**

### **A. SUMMARY OF BILL**

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

Sec. 2 amends RCW 9A.36.021. A person is guilty of assault in the second degree if he or she, under circumstances not amounting to assault in the first degree assaults another by strangulation or suffocation. Assault in the second degree is a class B felony. It is not a defense that the victim consented to being strangled or suffocated.

### **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 legislation would result in indeterminate costs for county prosecutors, court-appointed defense attorneys, and jails.

By expanding the circumstances in which a person can be charged with assault in the second degree by strangulation or suffocation, the bill may result in more prosecutions for these crimes. According to the Local Government Fiscal Note Program (LGFN) criminal justice cost model, the cost to investigate, prosecute and defend a comparable felony is approximately \$8,860.

The Caseload Forecast Council has no information about how many more incidents of the expanded felony offense may occur under the provisions of the bill or the sentences that might actually be imposed. However, as a Class B felony offense ranked at Seriousness Level 4 on the adult felony sentencing grid, Assault in the Second Degree is punishable by a standard range term of confinement of three to nine months in jail and 63-84 months in prison. Therefore, any increased incidences under the provision of the bill would impact both prison and jail beds. The average cost for a county jail bed is \$145 per day, according to the LGFN jail costs model.

### **C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS**

*Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

The legislation would have no revenue impacts for local governments.

#### **SOURCES:**

Local Government Fiscal Note Program criminal justice cost model  
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