

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 8208 SJR	Title: Right to hunt and fish
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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
Office of Attorney General	0	0	49,000	0	0	105,000	0	0	50,000
Office of Administrative Hearings	0	0	16,000	0	0	32,000	0	0	32,000
Total \$	0	0	65,000	0	0	137,000	0	0	82,000

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		25,000				
Local Gov. Total		25,000				

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
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	35,000	35,000	35,000	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	.2	0	0	49,000	.4	0	0	105,000	.4	0	0	50,000
Office of Administrative Hearings	.0	0	0	16,000	.1	0	0	32,000	.1	0	0	32,000
Department of Fish and Wildlife	.0	65,000	65,000	65,000	.0	137,000	137,000	137,000	.0	82,000	82,000	82,000
Total \$	0.2	100,000	100,000	165,000	0.5	137,000	137,000	274,000	0.5	82,000	82,000	164,000

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			25,000						
Local Gov. Total			25,000						

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Administrative Hearings	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Fish and Wildlife	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 8208 SJR	Title: Right to hunt and fish	Agency: 085-Office of the Secretary of State
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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
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	35,000	35,000	0	0
Total \$	0	35,000	35,000	0	0

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.

The bill would require the Secretary of State to add a constitutional amendment to the 2024 General Election.

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.

To implement this bill, the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) would incur costs related to placing a constitutional amendment on the General Election ballot. This would increase costs for producing the Voter's Pamphlet and the prorated state share of election costs paid under RCW 29A.04.420.

Voters' pamphlet:

This bill requires OSOS to print the constitutional amendment in the voters' pamphlet. Printing the constitutional amendment, estimated to be 8 pages, has a projected cost of approximately \$10,000 which is comprised of printing, composition, and language translation.

Even-Year election costs:

Adding an additional issue for the state will increase of \$25,000 in the state share of even-year election costs. This amount was calculated by adding an additional issue the state share for each of the 2022 election costs.

Legal advertisements:

The Office of the Secretary of State operating budget includes funding for the publication of notices in every legal newspaper in the state four times prior to the general election. This fiscal note does not assume additional cost to publish this measure because the notices would be customized such that they remain within the authorized budget for legal advertising.

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	35,000	35,000	0	0
Total \$			0	35,000	35,000	0	0

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					
E-Goods and Other Services		10,000	10,000		
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services		25,000	25,000		
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	35,000	35,000	0	0

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: 8208 SJR	Title: Right to hunt and fish	Agency: 100-Office of Attorney General
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Legal Services Revolving Account-State 405-1		49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000
Total \$		49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Account					
Legal Services Revolving Account-State 405-1	0	49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000
Total \$	0	49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000

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.

For submission to voters at the next general election, a new section to be added by amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the State of Washington – providing that there is an inalienable right to forage, hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife, and fish, subject only to reasonable regulation; nothing in the section to be construed as modifying common law or statutes as to property rights, or infringe upon tribal treaty rights.

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.

Cash receipts are assumed to equal the Legal Services Revolving Account (LSRA) cost estimates. These will be billed through the revolving account to the client agency.

The client agency is the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Attorney General's Office (AGO) will bill all clients for legal services rendered.

These cash receipts represent the AGO's authority to bill and are not a direct appropriation to the AGO. The direct appropriation is reflected in the client agency's fiscal note. Appropriation authority is necessary in the AGO budget.

AGO AGENCY ASSUMPTIONS:

WDFW will be billed for non-King County rates:

FY 2025: \$49,000 for 0.2 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG) and 0.1 Paralegal 1 FTE (PL1)

FY 2026: \$56,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1

FY 2027: \$49,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1

FY 2028: \$32,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1

FY 2029 and in each FY thereafter: \$18,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1

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.

Attorney General's Office (AGO) Agency Assumptions:

This bill is assumed effective 90 days after the end of the 2024 legislative session.

Location of staffing is assumed to be in a non-King County office building.

Total workload impact in this request includes standard assumption costs for goods & services, travel, and capital outlays for all FTE identified.

Agency administration support FTE are included in the tables. The Management Analyst 5 FTE (MA), is used as a representative classification. An example ratio is for every 1.0 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG), the AGO includes 0.5 Paralegal 1 FTE (PL1) and 0.4 MA.

Assumptions for the AGO Public Lands & Conservation (PLC) Legal Services.

1) The AGO will bill Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) for legal services based on the enactment of this bill.

2) Advice: PLC assumes that WDFW will require legal advice on numerous aspects of agency business that may be impacted by the enactment of this constitutional amendment, beginning in 2025. PLC assumes that the legal advice requests would be highest in the first few years, and would diminish in frequency and complexity over time. PLC estimates 150 AAG hours per fiscal year initially, diminishing to 50 hours beginning in FY 2029 and continuing thereafter.

3) Litigation: PLC assumes that there will be an average of one legal challenge every two fiscal years based on the constitutional amendment, and additionally, new constitutional issues raised in existing lawsuits. PLC anticipates that work beginning in the latter half of FY 2025 (thus reducing estimated litigation hours in FY 2025) and averaging approximately 200 AAG hours per year 2026 and 2027. As the new legal questions are settled over time, PLC anticipates that those costs would diminish, leaving only new lawsuits raising constitutional claims estimated at 50 AAG hours per year continuing thereafter.

4) Because the next general election does not occur in FY 2024, no costs are assumed in FY 2024; all costs are assumed to begin in FY 2025.

PLC: Total non-King County workload impact:

- FY 2025: \$49,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1
- FY 2026: \$56,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1
- FY 2027: \$49,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1
- FY 2028: \$32,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1
- FY 2029 and in each FY thereafter: \$18,000 for 0.2 AAG and 0.1 PL1

The AGO Solicitor General Division (SGO) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division’s workload. Therefore, no costs are included in this request.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
405-1	Legal Services Revolving Account	State	0	49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000
Total \$			0	49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
A-Salaries and Wages		34,000	34,000	72,000	34,000
B-Employee Benefits		10,000	10,000	22,000	11,000
E-Goods and Other Services		5,000	5,000	11,000	5,000
Total \$	0	49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000

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
Assistant Attorney General	129,100		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Management Analyst 5	95,184		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paralegal 1	69,072		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs			0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Public Lands & Conservation Division (PLC)		49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000
Total \$		49,000	49,000	105,000	50,000

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

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: 8208 SJR	Title: Right to hunt and fish	Agency: 110-Office of Administrative Hearings
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Administrative Hearings Revolving Account-State 484-1		16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000
Total \$		16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Account					
Administrative Hearings Revolving Account-State 484-1	0	16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000
Total \$	0	16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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OFM Review: Val Terre	Phone: (360) 280-3973	Date: 01/29/2024

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 proposed legislation proposes to submit to the voters in November 2024 a proposed amendment to the State Constitution to designate a right to forage, hunt, fish and trap, “subject to reasonable regulation”.

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.

As a central service agency, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) bills referring agencies for its costs and collects the revenue into the Administrative Hearings Revolving Account. Cash receipts are assumed to equal costs. OAH will bill the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the costs related to this proposed legislation.

These cash receipts represent the OAH’s authority to bill and are not a direct appropriation to OAH. Appropriation authority is necessary in OAH’s budget.

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 Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) estimates that the proposed legislation will result in five new appeals being referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) per fiscal year beginning in FY 2025. On average, each appeal is expected to take approximately 15 hours of line Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) time including prehearing conferences, hearings, order writings, etc.

OAH Agency Workforce Assumptions:

- (1) 1.0 Line ALJ will include cost and FTE for 0.15 Senior ALJ (SALJ), 0.15 Lead ALJ (LALJ), 0.6 Legal Assistant 2 (LA2) (Range 40 step L), and 0.25 administrative support represented as a Management Analyst 5 (MA5) (Range 64 Step L).
- (2) ALJ salary is based on the ALJ collective bargaining agreement and assumed to be at step L. (Line ALJ-range 70. Senior ALJ-range 74.)
- (3) Benefit rates were analyzed by job class and projected using the latest benefit information available.
- (4) Goods and services, travel and on-going capital outlays were projected based on historical data for each of the job classifications.

Total workload impact beginning in FY 2025: 0.05 ALJ at a rounded cost of \$16,000 per FY.

These projected costs do not include approved COLA salary increases approved effective July 1, 2024.

This bill is assumed effective 90 days after the end of the 2024 legislative session.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
484-1	Administrative Hearings Revolving Account	State	0	16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000
Total \$			0	16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages		10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000
B-Employee Benefits		3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
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	16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000

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 Law Judge	110,400		0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs			0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Regulatory & Education (REG)		16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000
Total \$		16,000	16,000	32,000	32,000

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

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

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Bill Number: 8208 SJR	Title: Right to hunt and fish	Agency: 477-Department of Fish and Wildlife
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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
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	65,000	65,000	137,000	82,000
Total \$	0	65,000	65,000	137,000	82,000

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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.

Amends the Washington state Constitution to create a right for Washingtonians to forage, hunt, fish, and trap. This right will be subject to reasonable regulations and managed through the laws, rules, and proclamations that preserve the future of hunting, fishing, and trapping. Identifies traditional methods, practices, and procedures of harvest as the preferred means of managing game and fish.

If the resolution passes, it will be subject to a vote in the next general election.

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 Department assumes that its governing statute (Title 77 RCW), rules, regulations, and licenses are all reasonable to preserve the future of hunting, fishing, and trapping and will not need to be revised. However, there is a high risk of litigation, and the outcome of those cases may have future fiscal impact for the Department.

In consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, the Department assumes legal costs will be \$49,000 in fiscal year 2025, \$56,000 in fiscal year 2026, \$49,000 in fiscal year 2027, \$32,000 in fiscal year 2028, and \$18,000 in fiscal year 2029 and ongoing, Object E.

Additionally, the Department assumes that there will be more appeals for denied licenses. Appeals are handled by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). WDFW assumes that there will be up to 5 additional appeals per fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2025. Based on OAH assumptions, hearing costs will increase by \$16,000 per fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2025, Object E.

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	65,000	65,000	137,000	82,000
Total \$			0	65,000	65,000	137,000	82,000

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					
E-Goods and Other Services		65,000	65,000	137,000	82,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
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III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

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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

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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: 8208 SJR	Title: Right to hunt and fish
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Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties: Election costs
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option:
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:

Estimated revenue impacts to:

Jurisdiction	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County		25,000	25,000		
TOTAL \$		25,000	25,000		
GRAND TOTAL \$					25,000

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Jurisdiction	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County		25,000	25,000		
TOTAL \$		25,000	25,000		
GRAND TOTAL \$					25,000

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.

A Constitutional amendment is proposed adding that all the people of this state shall have an inalienable right to forage, hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife and fish, subject only to reasonable regulation as prescribed by the Washington State

The amendment provides that traditional methods, practices, and procedures of harvest are the preferred means of managing game and fish.

The amendment may not be construed to modify any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass, eminent domain, or any other property rights.

The amendment does not supersede, limit, interpret, or infringe upon any established tribal treaty rights.

The Secretary of State must give proper notice of the constitutional amendment.

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 bill would result in \$25,000 in additional elections costs to counties for expenditures associated with placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot for the next general election. This amount is based upon estimates from the Office of the Secretary of State. These costs would be incurred regardless of whether or not the measure is approved by voters.

This legislation is not anticipated to affect current practice. No other fiscal impact is anticipated for this measure.

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 bill will increase revenue to County Auditors by \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 based on assumptions by the Office of the Secretary of State on the state's proportionate share of even-year election costs.

This legislation is not anticipated to affect current practice. No other fiscal impact is anticipated for this measure.

SOURCES

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