

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6256 SB	<b>Title:</b> Solar consumer protections
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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.								
<b>Total \$</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Labor and Industries	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	0.0	0	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	No fiscal impact								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other									
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
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Labor and Industries	.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									
Local Gov. Total									

### Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6256 SB	<b>Title:</b> Solar consumer protections	<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.*

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 adds a chapter to Title 19 RCW requiring certain solar energy system sellers and installers to be licensed, use written agreements with specified terms and provide customers certain notices, documentation, and information.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

### II. C - Expenditures

No fiscal impact to the Administrative Office of 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

None

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Bill # 6256 SB

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6256 SB	<b>Title:</b> Solar consumer protections	<b>Agency:</b> 100-Office of Attorney General
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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.*

Section 1 – New Section. Findings and intent section.

Section 2 – New Section. Definitions.

Section 3 – New Section. Requires any person selling or installing residential or commercial solar energy systems with a total cost of \$1,000 (labor and materials) to be licensed under RCW 19.28.041 and have a solar energy installation contract with the customer. Provides further requirement for the contents of the solar energy installation contract, including specific provisions. Allows a rescission period and proscribes when payments may be charged. Gives consumers a cause of action for damages sustained if a solar energy contractor, subcontractor, or salesperson fails to comply with this chapter.

Section 4 – New Section. Prohibits deceptive solicitation of solar energy system costs, financing, terms, or conditions of purchase.

Section 5 – New Section. Finding that the practices covered by this chapter impact the public interest for purposes of the consumer protection act in chapter 19.86 RCW. Finds that violations of this chapter are unfair or deceptive acts in trade of commerce and an unfair method of competition for purposes of the consumer protection act.

Section 6 – New Section. Requires any person selling or installing residential or commercial solar energy systems with a total cost of \$1,000 (labor and materials) to be licensed under RCW 19.28.041 and enter into a contract pursuant to Section 3 of this act.

Section 7 – New Section. Sections 1 through 5 constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

1) The AGO Labor and Industries Division (LNI) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I).

The enactment of this bill will not impact the provision of legal services to L&I because while the bill does modify some provisions of RCW 19.28, the AGO reads the language as putting primary enforcement responsibilities on entities outside of L&I. Absent enforcement responsibilities, L&I may need some incidental legal services to adapt any statutory changes but new legal services are nominal and costs are not included in this request.

2) The AGO Administrative Division (ADM) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload. New legal services are nominal and costs are not included in this request.

3) The AGO Consumer Protection Division (CPR) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload. New legal services are nominal and costs are not included in this request.

### 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.*

## **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> 6256 SB	<b>Title:</b> Solar consumer protections	<b>Agency:</b> 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:**

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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## 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 bill establishes rules of business practice for solar energy contractors and solar energy salespersons. It adds a new section to Chapter 80.60 RCW (Net Metering of Electricity) and a new chapter to Title 19 RCW (Business Regulations – Miscellaneous).

Section 3(1) states that any person selling or installing residential or commercial systems producing electricity with solar energy for a total cost including labor and materials in excess of \$1,000 must be licensed under RCW 19.28.041. This section does not apply to any person installing residential or commercial solar energy systems on the person's own property who is properly exempted under RCW 19.28.261.

Section 6 states that any person selling or installing residential or commercial systems producing electricity with solar energy for a total cost including labor and materials in excess of \$1,000 must be licensed under RCW 19.28.041.

### 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.*

Indeterminate. This bill could result in an increase in the number of electrical contractor licenses, but the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) has no way to estimate how many additional people would pursue that license.

### 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.*

L&I does not anticipate needing additional resources with the potential increase in the number of electrical contractor licenses. No expenditure impacts for L&I.

## 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.*



# Multiple Agency Ten-Year Analysis Summary

<b>Bill Number</b> 6256 SB	<b>Title</b> Solar consumer protections
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This ten-year analysis is limited to the estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases.

## Estimated Cash Receipts

Administrative Office of the Courts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Labor and Industries Indeterminate Impact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# Ten-Year Analysis

<b>Bill Number</b> 6256 SB	<b>Title</b> Solar consumer protections	<b>Agency</b> 055 Administrative Office of the Courts
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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

## Estimates

**No Cash Receipts**
                         
  **Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts**
                         
  **Indeterminate Cash Receipts**

<b>Name of Tax or Fee</b>	<b>Acct Code</b>												
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# Ten-Year Analysis

<b>Bill Number</b> 6256 SB	<b>Title</b> Solar consumer protections	<b>Agency</b> 100 Office of Attorney General
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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

## Estimates

**No Cash Receipts**
                         
  **Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts**
                         
  **Indeterminate Cash Receipts**

## Estimated Cash Receipts

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code												
<b>Total</b>													

**Biennial Totals**

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# Ten-Year Analysis

<b>Bill Number</b> 6256 SB	<b>Title</b> Solar consumer protections	<b>Agency</b> 235 Department of Labor and Industries
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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

## Estimates

**No Cash Receipts**
                 
  **Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts**
                 
  **Indeterminate Cash Receipts**

## Estimated Cash Receipts

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code											
<b>Total</b>												

### Biennial Totals

## Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

This bill could result in an increase in the number of electrical contractor licenses, but the Department of Labor & Industries has no way to estimate how many additional people would pursue that license.

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