

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5908 S SB	<b>Title:</b> Extended foster care
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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 Children, Youth, and Families	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
<b>Total \$</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## 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 Attorney General	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Social and Health Services	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
<b>Total \$</b>	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of Attorney General	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Social and Health Services	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	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

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5908 S SB	<b>Title:</b> Extended foster care	<b>Agency:</b> 307-Department of Children, Youth, and Families
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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:

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:

- ☒ If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- ☐ 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.*

Comparison of SSB 5908 and SB 5908:

Section 2 (28) and Section 4(19) Creates a definition for a supervised independent living subsidy (SILS) to mean a foster care maintenance payment and, subject to appropriation, an incentive payment for youth who participate in a qualifying activity in RCW 74.13.031 (12)(b) (i) through (v). SB 5908 created a definition and formula for a supervised independent living subsidy (SILS) that included a Housing Subsidy that would be in addition to the current SIL. The housing subsidy was defined as the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development's estimated fair market rent for the total amount of a 1-bedroom apartment in the County or metro area where the young person intends to reside, minus one-third of the foster care maintenance payment.

Section 6(3) Requires DCYF to pay EFC youth not placed into a licensed placement an initial stipend equivalent to a SILS within one week of signing either agreement and shall receive their first SILS within one month. SB5908 required DCYF to pay EFC youth not placed into a licensed placement the SILS within 10 days of entering into EFC.

SB 5908

Section 3

Removes the eligibility requirements for youth to qualify for or remain qualified for extended foster care (EFC) services by stating that youth can withdraw participation at any time and by stating that DCYF may request judicial findings that a youth is meeting requirements only for the purposes of pursuing federal reimbursement (rather than for determining eligibility for the program) .

Section 5(12)(d)

Section states the department shall develop and implement rules and policies designed to provide age-appropriate social work support for youth in EFC through a co-design process that includes those with lived experience in the foster care system.

### 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 Impact to DCYF. Under the current system, all youth participating in SIL are deemed to be eligible for federal reimbursement. Under this bill, youth would not need to meet federal eligibility requirements and it is unknown how many would be or remain eligible.

Under current requirements Title IV-E, the federal reimbursement for staffing is 20 percent and 40 percent for basic foster care reimbursement for youth meeting IV-E eligibility requirements.

### 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.*

Total costs are INDETERMINATE. DCYF is able to estimate the incentive costs for the current caseload of youth participating in a SIL but is unable to estimate implementation costs bill as currently written, nor SIL subsidy costs for the

potential caseload impacts of youth not currently participating in a SIL. DCYF offers illustrative costs below.

## Section 2 (28) and Section 4(19)

These sections of the bill create a definition of the supervised independent living subsidy, which is defined as a foster care maintenance payment and subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, and incentive payment for youth who participate in a qualifying activity in RCW 74.13.031 (12)(b) (i) through (v).

### Children & Family Services (Program 010) Impacts

#### SIL Subsidy Cost:

DCYF has no way to calculate the amount of current or future youth that would remain meeting the federal reimbursement requirements. If the subsidy is higher, youth would have more incentive to meet requirements than if it is lower. Because the incentive under Section 2(28) is subject to appropriation, DCYF does not know how much the incentive would be.

The following costs are for illustrative purposes. DCYF modeled the cost assuming the incentive would be \$100 per youth per month. DCYF's federal funding unit states that the incentive does not meet eligibility requirements for any federal reimbursement.

DCYF assumes that current youth in SIL would remain meeting the federal reimbursement requirements. Adding a \$100 per month incentive payment to the 625 youth currently in a SIL is estimated at \$750,000 (\$750,000 GF-S) per year beginning in FY25. This does not include the current \$860 SIL payment, as these youth already receive a foster care maintenance payment.

DCYF assumes that 203 youth may possibly return to EFC with Sections 3(1), 3(3), 3(5), 3(8)(b) removing eligibility requirements. Cost for these youth was calculated using the foster care maintenance payment. 203 youth x \$860= \$2,095,000 (\$1,257,000 GF-S if all 203 meet IV-E reimbursement eligibility) or (\$2,095,000 GF-S) if none of the 203 meet IV-E eligibility).

If all 203 of the youth also met the federal reimbursement requirements to get the \$100 monthly incentive payment, the additional incentive cost for all 203 youth would be \$244,000 (\$244,000 GF-S).

#### Fiduciary Impact

DCYF assumes no impact if the incentive is paid monthly as an on-going payment in Famlink. If the incentive payment has to be entered each month for each youth receiving the incentive, DCYF would have an additional cost for Fiscal Analyst 2 positions to input the payments each month for each of the projected 828 youth.

## Section 3 (3)

This section of the bill removes requirements for participation in EFC. In FY22 and FY23 there were 203 youth who were between 18-20 and who did not participate in EFC or left prior to turning 21 years old. It is assumed that these youth did not participate in a SIL because of the requirements or because the SIL payment was insufficient.

This is likely a low estimate. There are likely additional eligible youth for whom DCYF does not have data, who would be more inclined to join the program given the elimination of eligibility requirements.

### Children and Family Services (Program 010) Impacts

Caseworker impact: DCYF used FY 22 and FY23 data for this population as a basis to estimate additional SSS3 level of

caseworkers to manage the increased number of youth possible. At an 18:1 staff ratio, 203 youth who are not currently in EFC divided by 18 equals 11.25 staff needed per year necessary to manage the additional case load. DCYF would also need additional SSS5 staff to supervise the increased number of SSS3 staff. At a 6:1 staff to supervisor ratio, 11.25 SSS3 would require two additional SSS5s. If more than 203 youth participated in the program, DCYF would require additional staff to manage these cases.

Estimated total cost for 11.25 SSS3 FTE is \$1,710,000 (\$1,125,000 GF-S) per year beginning in FY25.

Estimated total cost for 2.0 SSS5 FTE is \$334,000 (\$226,000 GF-S) per year beginning in FY25.

#### Program Support (Program 090) Impacts

AGO Costs: AGO costs are being determined and will be updated as soon as they are available. DCYF assumes that 25% of the 203 youth not currently in EFC- SIL would challenge DCYF to get the incentive.

#### Section 5(12)(d)

#### Program Support (Program 090) Potential Impact

This is a one-time cost. Co-design cost for lived experts was determined with the following assumptions:

2-hour meetings 2x/month for 18 months. DCYF assumes a reimbursement of \$45/hour based on the Washington State Office of Equity's Lived Experience Compensation Interim guidelines. It is estimated that DCYF will need at least 30 participants who are reimbursed \$45/hour for their participation. 4hr/month X 18 months X 30 participants X \$45/hour. DCYF has a co-design staff and believes that there would not be additional costs for facilitation.

Total estimated one time cost is \$65,000 in FY25 and \$32,000 in FY26, all GF-S.

#### Section 6(3)

#### Program Support (Program 090) Impact

Section 6(3) requires DCYF to make a payment of an initial stipend, equivalent to a SIL subsidy within one week of being in an unlicensed placement. SSPS and Famlink do not have the ability to pay EFC participants within 10 days of being in an unlicensed placement. The SSPS system (that processes all the payments that are made through Famlink) only batches twice a month. DCYF does not have the ability to change this system to batch more quickly.

The section requires DCYF to pay the EFC youth in a SIL their first SILS within one month. This seems to be in addition to paying them an initial stipend that is equal to the SILS within one week. This appears to pay the youth twice in the first month of them being in a SIL.

### Part III: Expenditure Detail

#### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.
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#### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

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

DCYF would need to adjust WAC and the EFC policy to meet this bill’s requirements. There is no estimated additional cost to DCYF.