

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 6245 SB	Title: Refugee & immigrant assist.
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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	No fiscal impact					
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
Department of Social and Health Services	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Employment Security Department	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	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									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Social and Health Services	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Employment Security Department	.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	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6245 SB	Title: Refugee & immigrant assist.	Agency: 300-Department of Social and Health Services
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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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- 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.

This bill relates to assisting refugees and immigrants by describing the role of the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) in administering federal funding regarding refugee support services and authorizing DSHS ORIA to administer services to immigrants, adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW.

Section 3 requires the department to coordinate state, federal, and local efforts to support the economic and social integration of immigrants and refugees arriving and resettling in Washington.

Section 4 designates the department as the single state agency responsible for the development, review, and administration of the Washington state plan for refugee resettlement, and requires the department to submit the state plan to and seek approval from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) according to Title IV of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

Section 5 requires the department to provide refugee cash assistance, refugee medical assistance, and refugee support services in accordance with the federal act and the state plan.

Section 6 permits the department to administer services to immigrants who are ineligible for federal services, and permits the department to contract with external agencies, including community-based organizations, to provide services.

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.

No cash receipts.

All refugee resettlement services within ORIA are currently supported by federal funding. This fiscal note relates to funding required for the expansion of services to include immigrants ineligible for federal funding, therefore all anticipated costs are 100 percent 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.

ORIA does not currently have funding to serve immigrants who are ineligible for federal services (Sec. 6). A specific appropriation would be needed in order to serve these individuals. Several indeterminate funding options are provided below to reflect the service levels that ORIA could provide, given an appropriation.

To illustrate an approximate range of services that would be able to be provided to immigrants who are ineligible for federal services, relative to the appropriation provided, ORIA estimates the potential levels of client support possible with a \$5 million General Fund-State appropriation and with a \$25 million General Fund-State appropriation.

With a General Fund-State appropriation of \$5 million, ORIA estimates the ability to provide the following supports to immigrants ineligible for federal funding:

- Establishing a single contract for Arrival and Navigation Services within King County (approximately \$1.5 million)
- Contracting with several organizations statewide to provide social services supports for immigrants, including housing

navigation (approximately \$2 million)

- Allowing social service organizations to offer short-term, limited assistance to those in need of emergency housing (approximately \$1 million)
- Expanding state-funded employment and training programs (approximately \$500,000)

With a General Fund-State appropriation of \$25 million, ORIA estimates the ability to provide the following supports to immigrants ineligible for federal funding:

- Establishing two to three contracts for Arrival and Navigation Services statewide (approximately \$7.5 million)
- Contracting with five to ten organizations statewide to provide social services supports for immigrants, including housing navigation (approximately \$8 million)
- Allowing social service organizations to offer rental assistance and long-term housing supports to those waiting for work authorization (approximately \$7 million)
- Expanding state-funded employment and training programs (approximately \$2.5 million)

ORIA would also require an indeterminate number of additional staff to implement these services, dependent upon the appropriation provided.

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.

DSHS ESA Community Services Division (CSD) may need to update WACs to indicate that an expanded population is eligible for services.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6245 SB	Title: Refugee & immigrant assist.	Agency: 540-Employment Security Department
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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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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.

Senate bill 6245 adds a new section to Title 74 RCW. It describes the role of the Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) and its Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance in administering federal funding and providing support services to refugees and immigrants.

DSHS may direct refugees to Employment Security Department's (ESD) Employment Connections program, but ESD employment services are already funded by the federal Wagner-Peyser Act. Therefore, this bill would have no fiscal impact.

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.

Section 5(2) instructs DSHS to provide support services for refugees in accordance with the Washington state plan for refugee resettlement, which includes (a) employment services. DSHS may direct refugees to Employment Security Department's (ESD) Employment Connections program, but ESD employment services are already funded by the federal Wagner-Peyser Act. Therefore, this bill would have no fiscal impact.

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.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 6245 SB

Title: Refugee & immigrant assist.

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

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- 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:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

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.

The legislation directs the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to coordinate state, federal, and local efforts to support the economic and social integration of immigrants and refugees arriving and resettling in Washington. DSHS is designated as the single state agency responsible for the development, review, and administration of the Washington state plan for refugee resettlement.

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 have no expenditure impacts for local governments. The bill directs DSHS to coordinate state, federal, and local efforts to support the economic and social integration of immigrants and refugees arriving and resettling in Washington. While cities and counties could be called upon to coordinate with DSHS, the Association of Washington Cities indicates this work would fall within normal operations and would not result in new costs.

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:

Association of Washington Cities