

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2203 S HB	<b>Title:</b> Incarcerated veterans pilot
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

## 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 Veterans Affairs	.5	1,062,000	1,062,000	1,062,000	1.0	2,112,000	2,112,000	2,112,000	1.0	2,112,000	2,112,000	2,112,000
Department of Corrections	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Community and Technical College System	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1,062,000</b>	<b>1,062,000</b>	<b>1,062,000</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2,112,000</b>	<b>2,112,000</b>	<b>2,112,000</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2,112,000</b>	<b>2,112,000</b>	<b>2,112,000</b>

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Veterans Affairs	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Corrections	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Community and Technical College System	.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>

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2203 S HB	<b>Title:</b> Incarcerated veterans pilot	<b>Agency:</b> 305-Department of Veterans Affairs
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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
FTE Staff Years	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	1,062,000	1,062,000	2,112,000	2,112,000
<b>Total \$</b>	0	1,062,000	1,062,000	2,112,000	2,112,000

### 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.*

2203 S HB does not change the fiscal impact to Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) compared to the previous version, however WDVA has modified its initial assumptions from 2 pilot project sites (west and east) to 1 pilot project site (west), reducing the fiscal impact compared to our previous response.

The changes in the substitute bill include the addition of state registered apprenticeship programs as an option for inclusion in veterans reentry plans, an additional monitoring requirement of a veteran's incarceration status while participating in the project, and increased annual reporting requirements back to the legislature. These changes could be absorbed within the impact previously identified in the prior version.

Section 1 generates fiscal impact to Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) by requiring the agency to initiate the reintegration support for an incarcerated veterans pilot project assisting incarcerated veterans with reintegration into civilian life through education and employment, decreasing homelessness following release from incarceration.

WDVA assumes 150 incarcerated veterans per year will be eligible and elect to participate in the pilot program.

Section 1(3) requires WDVA to coordinate with the Department of Corrections at least annually to identify all veterans incarcerated within the last 12 months. Section 1(4) requires WDVA to coordinate with the Department of Corrections at least annually to identify all veterans incarcerated with release dates within 24 months, appoint a reentry navigator for each incarcerated veteran who requests to participate in the program, and develop a reentry plan for those veterans that includes an anticipated living expenses assessment, educational opportunities for employment, and various subsidies.

### 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.*

Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, Section 1 requires WDVA to initiate the reintegration support for incarcerated veterans pilot project to assisting incarcerated veterans with reintegration into civilian life through education and employment, decreasing homelessness following release from incarceration.

WDVA assumes 1.0 FTE impact [Program Specialist 5 (PS5)] and 1.0 contractor employee impact, broken out as follows:

1.0 Reentry Navigator (contractor employee), located at a western WA pilot site, subject to available appropriations, at \$150K year.

1.0 FTE (PS5) to coordinate with Department of Corrections (DOC) and the contracted Reentry Navigators, and receive and manage applications for financial assistance. The position will perform following:

- Coordinate with the Department of Corrections at least annually to identify all incarcerated veterans with release dates within 24 months
- Contact each incarcerated veteran at least 12 months prior to the veteran's release date and provide the veteran with

information on educational opportunities, services, and resources available to the veteran following release from incarceration

- Develop a reentry plan for all veterans participating in the program to include: An assessment of anticipated living expenses; educational opportunities to train for employment; eligibility for programs such as basic food employment and training, educational benefits through the federal department of veterans affairs, or the incarcerated veterans transition program; and contact information for veterans services, social security, and the department of social and health services in the veteran's county of residence following release

- Coordinate with the department of veterans affairs to develop criteria to determine eligibility for housing assistance

- Other additional support may include: Identification of housing opportunities in the veteran's county of residence following release from incarceration; Identification of training that may assist a veteran in effectively transitioning to the community following release from incarceration; or Provide support and mentoring, life skills training, and assistance with access to local veterans' services

- Coordinate this pilot project with the services offered to veterans by the department of social and health services, local mental health organizations, veteran-focused nonprofit organizations, and the federal department of veterans affairs to minimize duplication and assist those veterans most in need of support to avoid homelessness; 7) Provide a report to the legislature by November 1, 2025, and every year thereafter until the expiration of the pilot project on June 30, 2030.

In addition to FTE and contracted staff, WDVA assumes the following impact:

a. \$360,000/year for housing subsidy: 150 incarcerated veterans per year may be eligible for the Section 1(4)(b)(ii) subsidy of \$200/Mo; ( $\$200 \times 12 = \$2,400 \times 150 = \$360,000$ )

b. \$300,000/year for reentry subsidy - Section 1(4)(c)(ii) \$2,000 reentry subsidy; ( $\$2,000 \times 150 = \$300,000$ )

### 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	1,062,000	1,062,000	2,112,000	2,112,000
<b>Total \$</b>			0	1,062,000	1,062,000	2,112,000	2,112,000

#### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
A-Salaries and Wages		87,000	87,000	174,000	174,000
B-Employee Benefits		36,000	36,000	72,000	72,000
C-Professional Service Contracts		150,000	150,000	300,000	300,000
E-Goods and Other Services		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
G-Travel		3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
J-Capital Outlays		6,000	6,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services		660,000	660,000	1,320,000	1,320,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		118,000	118,000	236,000	236,000
9-					
<b>Total \$</b>	0	1,062,000	1,062,000	2,112,000	2,112,000

**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
107L: PROGRAM SPECIALIST 5	86,208		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
<b>Total FTEs</b>			1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Veterans Services (020)		1,062,000	1,062,000	2,112,000	2,112,000
<b>Total \$</b>		1,062,000	1,062,000	2,112,000	2,112,000

**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

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2203 S HB	<b>Title:</b> Incarcerated veterans pilot	<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:**

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.*

Substitute House Bill (SHB)2203 differs from the previous version of this bill as follows:

Section 1(4)(a)(ii)(iii) Adds state-registered apprenticeship programs to the educational information provided to the veterans during incarceration preparing for their release.

Section 1(4)(b)(iii) Adds state-registered apprenticeship to the housing subsidy priority criteria.

Section 1(4)(d) Requires the reentry navigator to monitor participating veterans and notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) if a participant is incarcerated, which terminates an incarcerated veteran's housing and reentry subsidies.

The following impacts from the original bill remain unchanged in the substitute:

Section 1(1) creates a pilot project within the DVA to assist incarcerated veterans in transitioning to civilian life through education and employment, decreasing homelessness among releasing individuals.

Section 1(3) states that the DVA shall coordinate with the Department of Corrections (DOC) at least annually to identify all veterans incarcerated within the last 12 months. DOC shall coordinate with the DVA to assist veterans who are in receipt of federal DVA disability compensation or pension benefits with notification to the federal DVA of their incarceration for more than 60 days in an attempt to prevent overpayment of veterans.

Section 1(4)(a)(i) states that a DVA reentry navigator shall coordinate with DOC at least annually to identify all incarcerated veterans with release dates within 24 months.

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

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None. All impacts are General Fund-State.

### II. C - Expenditures

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The updated bill language from SHB 2203 to House Bill 2203 does not change the fiscal impact assumption to the Department of Corrections (DOC).

We assume this bill will have no fiscal impact to DOC as we currently have reentry navigators and other staff that work directly with incarcerated veterans during their incarceration and in preparation for their release, which we anticipate can support DVA to accomplish the requirements in sections 1(3), 1(4)(a)(i)(ii)(iii), and 1(4)(d).

If DOC experiences a workload increase or other unanticipated costs from the pilot project, we will true-up costs in a future budget request.

## **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

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> 2203 S HB	<b>Title:</b> Incarcerated veterans pilot	<b>Agency:</b> 699-Community and Technica College System
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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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- 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 substitute bill differs from the original bill in the following ways:

- Adds state registered apprenticeship programs to the educational information provided to veterans during incarceration and as priority criteria for the housing subsidy.
- Requires re-entry navigators to monitor participating veterans and notify the Department of Veterans Affairs if a participant is incarcerated. Incarcerated participants' housing and reentry subsidies must be terminated immediately upon the date of incarceration.
- Requires the annual report on the pilot project to address each participating veteran's employment and housing status at the conclusion of the one-year participation in the project and compare the participating veterans' employment and housing status with veterans released from incarceration who did not participate in the pilot project.

These changes would not change the fiscal impact when compared to the original bill.

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This bill would direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to initiate the Reintegration Support for Incarcerated Veterans Pilot Project. The purpose of the Project is to assist incarcerated veterans with reintegration into civilian life through education and employment.

#### SECTION 1

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (State Board) is directed to select a pilot project site located west of the Cascade mountains, with consideration given to Edmond College. If a second pilot project site is selected, it must be located east of the Cascade mountains.

The pilot project must support veterans through:

- (a) Appointment of Re-Entry Navigators
- (b) Provision of housing subsidies
- (c) Provision of re-entry subsidies

The pilot project may provide additional support to veterans through:

- (a) Identification of housing opportunities in the veteran's county of residence following release
- (b) Identification of training that may assist a veteran in effectively transitioning to the community following release
- (c) Provision of support and mentoring, life skills training, and assistance with access to local veterans' services.

The pilot project would expire on June 30, 2030.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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No cash receipts impact.

### 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.*

No expenditure impact.

The bill would require the State Board to select sites for the Reintegration Support for Incarcerated Veterans Pilot Project. It is anticipated that the workload to review applications and select two colleges for the pilot project would be negligible.

For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) would administer the pilot project, including the hiring of Re-Entry Navigators, and that costs for the pilot project will be represented in the DVA fiscal note.

### **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.*