

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

**Bill Number:** 5869 S SB

**Title:** Rural fire district stations

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

### Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- Special Districts: Rural fire districts may have decreased operational costs
- 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: if and where tracts of land less than two acres would be used for the construction and operation of a rural fire district station

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

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

## 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.*

This bill would exempt rural fire district stations from the provisions governing plats and subdivisions if the division of land into lots or tracts is less than two acres and is used or to be used for the construction and operation of a rural fire district station.

### **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.*

Rural fire districts may have decreased operational costs from not having to meet the provisions governing plats and subdivisions of RCW 58.17.040, the zoning or other land use control ordinances of the local government. This exemption only applies if the division of land into lots or tracts is less than two acres and is used or to be used for the construction and operation of a rural fire district station.

It is unknown if and where tracts of land less than two acres would be used for the construction and operation of a rural fire district station. Because locations are unknown, the local zoning and development code requirements they would no longer have to meet are unknown. Any administrative costs associated with meeting local land use measures would be saved for rural fire districts regarding land meeting the requirements outlined in the bill.

### **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 would not impact local government revenues.

#### **SOURCES:**

Senate Bill Report, SSB 5869, As Passed Senate (02/09/2024)

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