

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 5925 S SB

Title: Fire commissioner comp.

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

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only: Fire districts with an operating budget of \$10,000,000 or more will incur additional per diem expenses.
- 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: The number of payments to be made by each fire district.

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 legislation would increase the number of per diem payments that commissioners in fire districts with an operating budget of \$10,000,000 or more may receive from 96 to 144. These payments will be made using a rate determined by the office of financial management, adjusted for inflation.

The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

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.

This legislation would have an indeterminate expenditure impact on local governments.

The Washington Fire Commissioners Association (WFCA) reports that a total of 20 fire districts may be impacted by this legislation. These fire districts can have three, five, or seven fire commissioners. WFCA estimates that the fiscal impact to each district may range between \$10,000 to \$15,000 for additional per diem payments to these commissioners. The number of meetings that each commissioner would need to attend will vary based on each district's board and committee meeting schedules and cannot be predicted in advance. These costs are indeterminate.

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 Committee on Local Government, Land Use, and Tribal Affairs public hearing January 9, 2024.

Washington Fire Commissioners Association