

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5029 SB	Title: DOC release transportation	Agency: 310-Department of Corrections
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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:

- 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.

An act relating to the transportation of individuals released or discharged from the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) and amending RCW 72.02.100

Section 1 of RCW 72.02.100 removes the requirement for the public transportation provided to an individual upon release or discharge from a term of confinement to be the least expensive method or cost \$100 or less. A new provision was added requiring DOC to make every effort to coordinate the timing of the release and transportation if partnering with a nonprofit to support the individual's reentry.

Effective date is assumed 90 days after adjournment of the session in which this bill is passed.

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.

NONE

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.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, assumed to be less than \$50,000 per Fiscal Year (FY).

The DOC currently provides transportation arrangements as necessary for each release. Each individual works with their assigned counselor to identify an approved release address as a part of their Offender Release Plan (ORP). These addresses are unique to each individual's circumstance and have no relation to what facility the individual is releasing from, which makes predicting fiscal impact of transportation for future releases a challenge. Additionally, each facility's location provides distinct challenges when scheduling public transportation. As such, DOC cannot determine what changes to transportation costs each facility may experience.

Removing the maximum cost DOC can pay for public transportation will likely cause the overall cost for public transportation related to release to increase somewhat. Removing the requirement that DOC use the "least expensive" method of public transportation may lead DOC to pay for more expensive methods of public transportation as needed. DOC does not have a record of how many releases involved costs of transportation over \$100, or records that show what more expensive transportation methods may have been used if the current law were not in place.

For illustrative purposes, in fiscal year 2024 DOC released 5,029 incarcerated individuals and provided \$90,559 to incarcerated individuals upon discharge from prison for gate release transportation. If costs exceeded the current statutory maximum of \$100 the incarcerated individual was responsible for the overage and that amount is not included in the total provided above. The amount also does not include the salary, benefits, and overtime of custody officers if they need to transport an incarcerated individuals to a release location. The DOC does not have data on the hours related to custody transports for releasing individuals and is not able to determine a fiscal impact.

The amendment related to coordinating with nonprofits for release locations as applicable to an individual's OPR may cause greater, or lessened, travel costs or timing costs associated with the required release transportation. The DOC does not track the current use of nonprofit organizations assistance with incarcerated individual's release, therefore is unable to determine any savings or costs associated with this change.

DOC will evaluate the fiscal impacts and may submit future budget requests to cover these costs should the legislation be enacted into session law.

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.