# **Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary**

Bill Number: 1161 HB Title: Veteran employability

# **Estimated Cash Receipts**

NONE

# **Estimated Operating Expenditures**

Agency Name		:	2025-27			2	027-29				2029-31	
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Veterans Affairs	Fiscal n	ote not availa	ble									_
Department of Corrections	.0	295,000	295,000	295,000	.0	294,000	294,000	294,000	.0	294,000	294,000	294,000
Community and Technical College System	2.5	1,652,000	1,652,000	1,652,000	3.0	3,514,000	3,514,000	3,514,000	3.0	4,354,000	4,354,000	4,354,000
Total \$	2.5	1,947,000	1,947,000	1,947,000	3.0	3,808,000	3,808,000	3,808,000	3.0	4,648,000	4,648,000	4,648,000

# **Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures**

Agency Name		2025-27			2027-29				
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Veterans Affairs	Fiscal 1	note not availabl	e						
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
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

# **Estimated Capital Budget Breakout**

NONE

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# **Individual State Agency Fiscal Note**

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1161 HB	Title: \	Veteran employab	ility		Agency:	310-Departm Corrections	ent of
Part I: Estimates  No Fiscal Impact  Estimated Cash Receipts to:  NONE							
<b>Estimated Operating Expenditu</b>	ures from:						
		FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2	2027-29	2029-31
Account	1	450,000	442.000	005	200	004.000	004.000
General Fund-State 001-	Total \$	152,000 152,000	143,000 143,000	295, 295,		294,000 294,000	294,000 294,000
The cash receipts and expenditure and alternate ranges (if appropriate Check applicable boxes and follow).  X If fiscal impact is greater the form Parts I-V.  If fiscal impact is less than Capital budget impact, con	ate), are explained fillow correspond from \$50,000 per files \$50,000 per files	ed in Part II.  ding instructions: r fiscal year in the	current biennium	ı or in subsequ	ent biennia	, complete en	tire fiscal note
Requires new rule making,	, complete Part	V.	,			1	
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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 establishing the veteran employability training and career advancement for reentry program; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Section 4 is a new section which states that, subject to amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the Department of Corrections (DOC) shall:

- (1) Develop and implement processes by which it can identify and approve participation of any qualifying justice involved veterans incarcerated in a correctional facility or under department supervision in the program.
- (2) Assist participants incarcerated in a correctional facility with receiving correspondence, textbooks, and other curriculum; and
- (3) Document participation of justice involved veterans incarcerated in a correctional facility in the program to ensure sufficient recordkeeping and facilitate uninterrupted participation in the program in the event a participant is transferred to another correctional facility.

The effective date is assumed to be 90 days after the adjournment of 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.

#### 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.

We assume this bill will have a fiscal impact to DOC greater than \$50,000 per Fiscal Year (FY). However, there are determinate costs outlined below.

This bill requires tracking and documentation of justice involved veterans within DOC custody that are participants in the program created by this bill. The DOC Management Analyst 3 (MA3) is required by this bill to conduct coordination, data pulling, and reporting. This would require a minimum of one MA3 position to meet the need.

#### Management Analyst 3:

FY 2026: 1 FTE and \$110,315 FY 2027: 1 FTE and \$111,587 FY 2028: 1 FTE and \$115,178 FY 2029: 1 FTE and \$115,178 FY 2030: 1 FTE and \$115,178 FY 2031: 1 FTE and \$115,178

FY2026 will include one-time costs of \$11,000 for office furniture and equipment, as well as \$18,000 in ongoing expenses to include, office supplies, travel, and training, etc.

The DOC requests funding for the indirect costs of agency administration, which includes .1 FTE and \$13,293 in FY2026 and .1 FTE and \$13,446 in FY2027, and ongoing, for the purpose of supporting Payroll, Human Resources, Information Technology, and other expenses associated with the hiring and employment of staff to implement this legislation. The approved agency indirect rate and associated cost of administration are calculated based on the salaries and benefits of

staff conducting back office administrative functions, divided by all remaining salaries and benefits.

Overall, requested funding necessary to meet the needs of this bill are the following:

FY 2026: 1.1 FTE and \$152,000 FY 2027: 1.1 FTE and \$143,000 FY 2028: 1.1 FTE and \$147,000 FY 2029: 1.1 FTE and \$147,000 FY 2030: 1.1 FTE and \$147,000 FY 2031: 1.1 FTE and \$147,000

### Part III: Expenditure Detail

#### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	152,000	143,000	295,000	294,000	294,000
		Total \$	152,000	143,000	295,000	294,000	294,000

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

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages	82,000	83,000	165,000	172,000	172,000
B-Employee Benefits	28,000	28,000	56,000	58,000	58,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	11,000	8,000	19,000	16,000	16,000
G-Travel	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
J-Capital Outlays	8,000	1,000	9,000	2,000	2,000
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	13,000	13,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
9-					
Total \$	152,000	143,000	295,000	294,000	294,000

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.

# **Individual State Agency Fiscal Note**

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1161 HB	Title:	Veteran employab	ility	A	gency: 699-Commu College Sys	
					College Sys	
Part I: Estimates						
No Fiscal Impact						
<b>Estimated Cash Receipts to:</b>						
NONE						
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Estimated Operating Expenditure	res from:	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years		2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
Account		2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
General Fund-State 001-1		625,000	1,027,000	1,652,000	3,514,000	4,354,000
3411411 1 4114 2 4114 3 4114	Total \$	625,000	1,027,000	1,652,000	3,514,000	4,354,000
The cash receipts and expenditure and alternate ranges (if appropriate Check applicable boxes and follow)  If fiscal impact is greater that form Parts I-V.	te), are expla	nined in Part II.  onding instructions:				
If fiscal impact is less than S	\$50,000 per	fiscal year in the cu	arrent biennium or	in subsequent bio	ennia, complete this	page only (Part I).
Capital budget impact, com	plete Part IV	V.				
Requires new rule making,	complete Pa	art V.				
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Agency Preparation: Stephan	ie Winner		I	Phone: 360-704-1	023 Date: 01	1/21/2025
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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 would establish the Veteran Employability Training and Career Advancement for Reentry Program within the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (State Board). The program will provide individualized transitional and soft skills training to justice-involved veterans and their families. The objective of the Program is to improve economic well-being, reduce recidivism, prevent homelessness, and enhance reintegration.

#### Section 2

The State Board is directed to select one college west of the Cascade mountain range to participate in the Program. The selected college shall:

- Make use of available programs, courses, and methods to deliver transitional employment and reentry readiness materials to participants;
- Employ a full-time equivalent Reentry and Educational Navigator to determine eligibility and, in collaboration with the Department of Corrections, establish contact with eligible justice involved veterans. The Navigator shall provide participants with individualized transitional reentry and employment readiness services

#### Section 3

The State Board and selected community college are directed to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop eligibility criteria for the immediate family of participants to receive funds to assist in:

- Rental support not to exceed \$1,000 per month up to 12 months paid directly to the landlord, housing provider, or mortgage holder;
- Food assistance not to exceed \$500 per month for up to six months;
- Driver's license fees including unpaid fines, auto insurance premiums, auto registration fees, public transportation, and auto repair expenses not to exceed \$1,000 within 24 months; and
- Purchase work appropriate clothing and training certificates, not to exceed \$1,500 within 24 months.

#### Section 6

This section would create an interagency work group consisting of the State Board, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the selected community college to analyze the feasibility of expanding the program statewide. The work group must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2025.

#### Section 7

This section directs State Board, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the selected community college, to submit a report to the legislature on:

- The number of participants and immediate family participating in the program;
- The level of educational attainment of participants;
- Employment statistics of participants;
- Recidivism rates of participants; and
- The nature and extent of assistance participants received under the program.

The report must be submitted by November 1, 2025 and annually by July 1 thereafter.

#### Section 8

The requirements of this bill would expire on August 1, 2031.

#### 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 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.

Provisions of the bill would have the following expenditure impact.

#### State Board Costs

The State Board would be required to select a college to participate in the program, develop eligibility criteria for immediate family funding support, participate in an interagency workgroup, and submit reports to the legislature.

The workload listed above is estimated cost:

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125 Hours Associate Director ($73.60 - Salary & Benefits) = $9,000 (rounded)
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105 Hours Program Administrator (\$58.10 - Salary & Benefits) = \$6,000 (rounded)

\$9,000 + \$6,000 = \$15,000 FY26

#### College Costs

The college selected to participate in the Veteran Reentry Program would be required to employ one Reentry and Educational Navigator, provide outreach and assessments to veterans in the Program, help develop eligibility criteria for immediate family funding support, participate in the interagency workgroup, and help prepare reports to the legislature.

Staffing requirements for the work listed above are estimated to cost:

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1.0 FTE – Reentry and Educational Navigator $88,000 (Salary and Benefits)
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1.0 FTE – Instructional Technician 1 \$65,000 (Salary and Benefits)

0.5 FTE – Office Assistant 3 \$30,000 (Salary and Benefits) FY26 and FY27

1.0 FTE – Office Assistant 3 \$60,000 (Salary and Benefits) FY28 onward

#### College Staffing Cost:

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FY26 - \$88,000 + \$65,000 + \$30,000 = \$183,000
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$$FY27 - \$88,000 + \$65,000 + \$30,000 = \$183,000$$

$$FY28 - $88,000 + $65,000 + $60,000 = $213,000$$

$$FY29 - \$88,000 + \$65,000 + \$60,000 = \$213,000$$

$$FY30 - \$88,000 + \$65,000 + \$60,000 = \$213,000$$

FY31 - \$88,000 + \$65,000 + \$60,000 = \$213,000

Administrative expenses and travel expenses for the Program are estimated to cost \$7,000 in FY26 and \$4,000 in FY27 onward.

The bill would authorize funding for housing, food, transportation, clothing and training for immediate families of veterans in the Program. While the bill allows a maximum funding amount for these items of \$16,750 per family per year, estimates for this fiscal note are based on \$14,000 a year. It is anticipated the number of immediate family members receiving funding will increase over the years. Costs would be as follows:

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FY26 - 30 families X $14,000 = $420,000
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$$FY27 - 60$$
 families  $X $14,000 = $840,000$ 

$$FY28 - 95$$
 families  $X $14,000 = $1,330,000$ 

$$FY29 - 125$$
 families X \$14,000 = \$1,750,000

$$FY30 - 140$$
 families X \$14,000 = \$1,960,000

#### TOTAL COST:

FY26 - \$15,000 + \$183,000 + \$7,000 + \$420,000 = \$625,000

FY27 - \$183,000 + \$4,000 + \$840,000 = \$1,027,000

FY28 - \$213,000 + \$4,000 + \$1,330,000 = \$1,547,000

FY29 - \$213,000 + \$4,000 + \$1,750,000 = \$1,967,000

FY30 - \$213,000 + \$4,000 + \$1,960,000 = \$2,177,000

FY31 - \$213,000 + \$4,000 + \$1,960,000 = \$2,177,000

### **Part III: Expenditure Detail**

#### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	625,000	1,027,000	1,652,000	3,514,000	4,354,000
		Total \$	625,000	1,027,000	1,652,000	3,514,000	4,354,000

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

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
A-Salaries and Wages	147,000	136,000	283,000	316,000	316,000
B-Employee Benefits	51,000	47,000	98,000	110,000	110,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	4,000	1,000	5,000	2,000	2,000
G-Travel	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	420,000	840,000	1,260,000	3,080,000	3,920,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	625,000	1,027,000	1,652,000	3,514,000	4,354,000

# 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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Instructional Technician 1	47,732	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Office Assistant 3	40,716	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
Reentry and Educational Navigator	65,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0

#### 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.

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