

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5488 S SB	Title: DCYF/financial stability
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	0	0	150,000	0	0	146,000	0	0	146,000
Total \$	0	0	150,000	0	0	146,000	0	0	146,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Social and Health Services	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	3.0	5,650,000	5,650,000	5,800,000	3.0	12,657,000	12,657,000	12,803,000	3.0	14,524,000	14,524,000	14,670,000
Total \$	3.0	5,650,000	5,650,000	5,800,000	3.0	12,657,000	12,657,000	12,803,000	3.0	14,524,000	14,524,000	14,670,000

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Social and Health Services	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.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

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5488 S SB	Title: DCYF/financial stability	Agency: 300-Department of Social and Health Services
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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

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.

From the original bill, this substitute legislation adjusts the implementation date to January 1, 2026, for youth ages 14 through 17 and January 1, 2028, for persons younger than 14 or older than 17. This substitution doesn't change the fiscal impact to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) from the original bill. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to DSHS from this bill.

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.

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.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 5488 S SB	Title: DCYF/financial stability	Agency: 307-Department of Children, Youth, and Families
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
General Fund-Federal 001-2	77,000	73,000	150,000	146,000	146,000
Total \$	77,000	73,000	150,000	146,000	146,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	2,123,000	3,527,000	5,650,000	12,657,000	14,524,000
General Fund-Federal 001-2	77,000	73,000	150,000	146,000	146,000
Total \$	2,200,000	3,600,000	5,800,000	12,803,000	14,670,000

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.

Comparison of SSB 5488 to SB5488:

Section 1: Provides phased in approach for conservation of benefits for youth in care of Department of Children, Youth and Families.

Section 1(A): Establishes January 1, 2026, as the phase in date for youth ages 14 through 17

Section 1(B): Establishes January 1, 2028, as the phase in date for youth under the age of 14 or over 17, subject to appropriation.

An act relating to strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). This bill amends RCW 74.13.060 and adds a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW.

Section 1: New section added to chapter 43.216 RCW. Establishes rules, procedures and requirements for persons in care of DCYF in regard to management of benefits received.

Section 1(1): Provides that as of January 1, 2026, DCYF may not apply any benefits, payments, funds or accrual paid to, or on behalf of, a person in the care of DCYF as reimbursement for the cost of care.

Section 1(2): Clarifies benefits (benefits are defined as supplemental security income and retirement, survivors, and disability insurance benefits) eligibility for persons already in the care of DCYF.

Section 1(2a) (i): Specifies if DCYF to apply for benefits on behalf of the persons in the care of the agency and ensure consent is provided by any person over the age of 12.

Section 1(2a) (ii): Directs DCYF to provide notification to the persons that an application requesting benefits has been filed

Section 1(A) and (B): Directs DCYF to provide notification of benefits filed to the person's caregiver and/or parent or legal guardian provided the individual is under the age of 18 and is being held under the supervision in a DCYF facility and adult offenders under chapter 13.40 RCW.

Section 1(b) and (c): Specifies DCYF to provide all relevant information concerning representative payees to Social Security Administration and maintain eligibility for the benefits if the person is approved for benefits.

Section 1(3) and below: Specifies when DCYF is to apply for social security benefits on behalf of a person in their care, DCYF's responsibilities as a representative payee, and how DCYF is to work with the person receiving benefits and transitioning out of their care. Directs DCYF to develop and implement a financial literacy training for youth that includes information related to public benefits.

Section 2: Amends RCW 74.13.060 and 2009 c520 s 59 to read as follows:

(1)(b): Removes old language and adds "to conserve funds in a savings or investment account subject to section 1 of this act".

(2): Modifies the sum limit of funds on hand from \$500 to \$2,000 before depositing said funds in a savings and loan associated account or other savings or investment account subject to section 1 of this act.

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.

Title IV-E, the federal reimbursement is 20%. The agency estimates eligible reimbursements of \$150,000.

FY 26: \$77,000

FY 27: \$73,000

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.

DCYF estimates \$5,800,000 (\$6,821,000 GF-S) and 3.0 Full Time Equivalent Staff (FTEs) in the 2025-27 Biennial Budget.

Children and Families Services (Program 010) Impacts

Discontinuation of Reimbursement:

Section 1(1)

DCYF estimates \$3,513,618 GF-S to discontinue reimbursing the agency for the cost of care. Revenue from these reimbursements is included in the foster care per-capita forecast. This funding would replace lost revenue, any qualifying, applicable federal funding for SSI/SSA benefits, were drawn down prior to the funding being sent to DCYF. Title IV-E agencies are not reimbursed for the cost of care through Social Security benefits and as such, we are not permitted to claim Title IV-E.

Cost for FY 26 takes into account the January 1, 2026, start date. Phase in approach for Jan 1st, 2028, are not represented in the figures below.

	Total	GF-S
FY26	\$1,171,206	\$ 1,171,206
FY27	\$2,342,412	\$ 2,342,412

While subject to appropriations, DCYF can estimate the cost of section 1(B) for the FY28-FY29 biennia.

	Total	GF-S
FY28	\$4,209,552	\$4,209,552
FY29	\$6,076,692	\$6,076,692

Conserving Public Benefits and Financial Training and Support for Youth:

Sections 1(4)(5)(6)

DCYF estimates \$1,539,000 GF-S to conserve benefits for children and youth in an appropriate investment account. DCYF will need to contract with an agency that holds a statewide master contract with experience conserving Social Security Administration benefits for children's future needs in a way the funds will not count against their eligibility for means-tested programs. DCYF will also need to establish a financial training program for youth over age 14 who are exiting care and are receiving RSDI benefits or have accumulated savings in an account. DCYF will need to contract with an agency or community-based organization with experience working with people eligible for public benefits from the Social Security Administration on maintaining eligibility and appropriate uses of their funds.

DCYF estimates one time start-up cost of \$196,000 with an annual ongoing amount of \$895,000 per fiscal year. This contract will also provide financial literacy to youth. Cost for FY26 takes into account the January 1, 2026, start date. It includes the full initial start-up costs, but only half of the yearly cost to preserve the benefits.

Initial start-up Preserving costs
\$196,000 \$895,000

Total GF-S
FY26 \$644,000 \$644,000

FY27 \$895,000 \$895,000

Biennium Total: \$1,539,000 \$1,539,000

Program Support (Program 090) Impacts

Coordination with Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) on Medicaid Waiver Services

Sections 1(2)(3)(4)(5)

DCYF estimates \$748,000 (\$598,000 GF-S) and 3.0 FTE to coordinate with DDA on a case-by-case basis on the appropriate utilization or conservation of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance benefits when a child or youth is or may be eligible for DDA Medicaid Waiver services.

1.0 Social Service Specialist 3 (SSS3) for the DCYF SSI/SSA unit to coordinate with the contractor and DDA liaisons.
SSS3 cost: 1 x \$125,000 per year (\$100,000 GF-S, \$25,000 GF-F)

FY26- \$125,000 per year (\$100,000 GF-S, \$25,000 GF-F)
FY27- \$118,000 per year (\$94,000 GF-S, \$24,000 GF-F)

Biennial cost: \$243,000 (\$194,000 GF-S, \$49,000 GF-F)

2.0 Program Specialist 5 (PS5) positions. One position will coordinate with DDA regarding eligibility. The other position will manage and coordinate the financial literacy contract work.

PS5 cost \$130,000 per year per staff (\$104,000 GF-S, 26,000 GF-F)

FY26- \$260,000 (\$208,000 GF-S, \$52,000 GF-F)
FY27- \$245,000 (\$196,000 GF-S, \$49,000 GF-F)

Biennial cost: \$505,000 (404,000 GF-S, \$101,000)

These positions will provide the necessary supports required with the additional complexity to the existing case-by-case

coordination with DDA. DCYG will need to coordinate with DDA on a monthly basis with regard to the use of the benefit; to meeting personal care needs and when the benefits should be used or conserved in an ABLE account. The agency anticipates that these youth will have ABLE accounts that can be used to meet other needs as well, or purchase things for the youth, which also requires coordination on a case-by-case basis on how to use the funds that are in their ABLE accounts that may have been accumulating while they have been dependent and in another placement.

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	2,123,000	3,527,000	5,650,000	12,657,000	14,524,000
001-2	General Fund	Federal	77,000	73,000	150,000	146,000	146,000
Total \$			2,200,000	3,600,000	5,800,000	12,803,000	14,670,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
A-Salaries and Wages	262,000	262,000	524,000	524,000	524,000
B-Employee Benefits	89,000	89,000	178,000	178,000	178,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	1,820,000	3,242,000	5,062,000	12,087,000	13,954,000
G-Travel	7,000	7,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
J-Capital Outlays	22,000		22,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	2,200,000	3,600,000	5,800,000	12,803,000	14,670,000

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
Program Specialist 5	88,804	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Social Service Specialist 3	84,518	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Children and Family Services (010)	1,815,000	3,237,000	5,052,000	12,077,000	13,944,000
Program Support (090)	385,000	363,000	748,000	726,000	726,000
Total \$	2,200,000	3,600,000	5,800,000	12,803,000	14,670,000

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.