

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 1531 HB | <b>Title:</b> Communicable disease |
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

| Agency Name         | 2025-27          |       | 2027-29   |       | 2029-31   |       |
|---------------------|------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|                     | GF- State        | Total | GF- State | Total | GF- State | Total |
| Local Gov. Courts   |                  |       |           |       |           |       |
| Loc School dist-SPI |                  |       |           |       |           |       |
| Local Gov. Other    | No fiscal impact |       |           |       |           |       |
| Local Gov. Total    |                  |       |           |       |           |       |

## 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 Health | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0           | 0        |
| <b>Total \$</b>      | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> |

| Agency Name         | 2025-27          |          |       | 2027-29 |          |       | 2029-31 |          |       |
|---------------------|------------------|----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
|                     | FTEs             | GF-State | Total | FTEs    | GF-State | Total | FTEs    | GF-State | Total |
| Local Gov. Courts   |                  |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |
| Loc School dist-SPI |                  |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |
| Local Gov. Other    | No fiscal impact |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |
| Local Gov. Total    |                  |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

| Agency Name          | 2025-27    |          |          | 2027-29    |          |          | 2029-31    |          |          |
|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
|                      | FTEs       | Bonds    | Total    | FTEs       | Bonds    | Total    | FTEs       | Bonds    | Total    |
| Department of Health | .0         | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        | .0         | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total \$</b>      | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

| Agency Name         | 2025-27          |          |       | 2027-29 |          |       | 2029-31 |          |       |
|---------------------|------------------|----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
|                     | FTEs             | GF-State | Total | FTEs    | GF-State | Total | FTEs    | GF-State | Total |
| Local Gov. Courts   |                  |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |
| Loc School dist-SPI |                  |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |
| Local Gov. Other    | No fiscal impact |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |
| Local Gov. Total    |                  |          |       |         |          |       |         |          |       |

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 1531 HB | <b>Title:</b> Communicable disease | <b>Agency:</b> 303-Department of Health |
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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.*

Section 1 adds a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW that states that it is the policy of the state that public health responses to address communicable diseases be guided by the best available science on the safety and efficacy of evidence-based measures.

Section 2 declares the act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety or support of the state government and takes immediate effect. This bill would not require any work from the Department of Health (DOH) but would preserve DOH's ability to respond to communicable disease spread by utilizing evidence based, appropriate measures.

No fiscal impact.

### 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.*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

**Bill Number:** 1531 HB

**Title:** Communicable disease

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

## Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- Special Districts:
- 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:

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

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| Agency Approval: Allan Johnson        | Phone: 360-725-5033   | Date: 02/21/2025 |
| OFM Review: Amy Hatfield              | Phone: (360) 280-7584 | Date: 02/21/2025 |

## **Part IV: Analysis**

### **A. SUMMARY OF BILL**

*Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.*

Overview: Requires public health responses to communicable diseases to be guided by the best available science.

Sec. 1 (Adds New Section to Chapter 70.54 RCW)

Subsection (1) would codify the state base public health response policy for communicable diseases to be guided by the best available scientific evidence regarding the safety and effectiveness of measures like immunizations and vaccines to control disease spread.

Subsection (2) would require local health officials to use all available resources to implement and promote evidence-based measures, such as vaccines, to control the spread of communicable diseases. All political state subdivisions may not enact statutes, ordinances, rules, or policies that prohibit the implementation and promotion of the measures listed above.

Sec. 2 (New Section)

This section would have this act take effect immediately.

### **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 bill would not impact local government expenditures.

The type of work outlined in this bill would currently fall within the scope of local public health officials as defined by Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS), but the work outlined in this bill would be something that local governments would prioritize and fund with additional local dollars or other appropriate funding sources. However, this bill would not establish a mandate above and beyond what currently exists for local health officers to implement, this bill would solely provide further protections.

### **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 have no impact on local government revenue.

#### **SOURCES:**

Washington State Department of Health Fiscal Note, HB 1531, (2025)

House Bill Report, HB 1531, Health Care & Wellness Committee

Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials