

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1174 2S HB	Title: Court interpreters
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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. Total						
Local Gov. Courts	Fiscal note not available					
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					

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
Administrative Office of the Courts	Fiscal note not available											
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	Fiscal note not available								
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
Administrative Office of the Courts	Fiscal note not available								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	Fiscal note not available								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 1174 2S HB

Title: Court interpreters

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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Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

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

CHANGES BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PRIOR VERSION OF THE BILL:

The second substitute bill eliminates the new provisions added in the bill stating that: (1) subject to the availability of appropriated funds, a person participating in a court-mandated class is not responsible for the cost of an interpreter; and (2) court-mandated classes do not require the use of a credentialed interpreter. These changes do not create local government costs beyond those discussed in the fiscal note of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT BILL:

Sec. 2 amends RCW 2.43.020. "Credentialed interpreter" means an interpreter who is credentialed by the Administrative Office of the Courts in a spoken language.

Sec. 3 amends RCW 2.43.030. Credentialed interpreters shall be appointed in legal proceedings involving participation of persons with limited English proficiency, unless good cause is found on the record for appointing a noncredentialed interpreter.

Sec. 7 adds a new section to RCW 2.43. The court shall appoint a team of interpreters as required by Supreme Court rule.

Sec. 10 amends RCW 2.43.090. Beginning January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, all courts must submit their most recent language access plan to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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.

The legislation would have no expenditure impacts for local government, beyond those described in the fiscal note of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Please note that court impacts, including judicial costs, clerk costs, and court fees are described in fiscal notes prepared by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Local government fiscal notes include city and county expenditures for law enforcement investigations and arrests, indigent defenders, prosecutors, and jail costs.

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.

The legislation would have no revenue impacts for local governments.

SOURCES:

Administrative Office of the Courts