

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1834 2S HB	Title: Online services/minors
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

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	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Office of Attorney General	1.5	470,000	470,000	470,000	1.4	428,000	428,000	428,000	.9	244,000	244,000	244,000
Total \$	1.5	470,000	470,000	470,000	1.4	428,000	428,000	428,000	0.9	244,000	244,000	244,000

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other									
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	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
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	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other									
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1834 2S HB	Title: Online services/minors	Agency: 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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- ☐ 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.

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Bill # 1834 2S HB

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact on the Courts

The second substitute redacts the exemption for certain gaming platforms, permits those required to estimate age of minor user to retain estimation information. It also removes the requirement to provide a minor an obvious signal they are being monitored or tracked where the offered service, product, or feature allows parental monitoring. A null and void clause is added.

This second substitute bill retains the same court impacts as the original bill but adds no more.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

Indeterminate. Section 11 will increase court workloads to the extent consumer protection act claims brought for bill violations, and the increase could be significant as the bill imposes numerous duties on providers which could be violated. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has no data available to estimate the number of violations that would be filed because of this bill.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (State)

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. B - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (County)

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Expenditure By Object or Purpose (City)

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. D - FTE Detail

NONE

III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B1 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (State)

NONE

IV. B2 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (County)

NONE

IV. B3 - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose (City)

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

None

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1834 2S HB	Title: Online services/minors	Agency: 100-Office of Attorney General
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.4	0.9
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	164,000	306,000	470,000	428,000	244,000
Total \$	164,000	306,000	470,000	428,000	244,000

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.

Section 1: New Section. Definitions. Most related to addictive and manipulative nature of social media when used by minors.

Section 2: New Section. Online businesses catering to or used by minors must estimate users' ages but shall not use personal information collected for any other purpose.

Section 3: New Section. No collection on users under 13, except to comply with Section 2, above.

Section 4: New Section. Requires operators to enable user actions such as setting configurations to safeguard against manipulation or improper data collection and use relating to minors.

Section 5: New Section. Chapter does not restrict services designed to comply with existing laws.

Section 6: New Section. Unlawful for operator of addictive internet-based services to provide services unless (1) prior to January 1, 2026, operator has no knowledge user is a minor; or, (2) after January 1, 2026, operator has reasonably determined the user is not a minor.

Section 7: New Section. Time restrictions for online services and notifications likely to be used or receive by minors.

Section 8: New Section. Operator of addictive internet-based services must provide means for users to impose time and usage limits.

Section 9: New Section. Does not require operator to give additional or special access to parents.

Section 10: New Section. Compliance is not a defense to any claims of harm by user/parent.

Section 11: New Section. Violation of chapter subject to RCW 19.86, Consumer Protection Act (CPA).

Section 12: New Section. Severability clause.

Section 13: New Section. New chapter in RCW 19.

Section 14: New Section. If no funding by June 30, 2025, act is null and void.

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.

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) Consumer Protection Division (CPR) activities require General Fund-State. CPR enforces the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) against entities who violate RCW 19.86.020, which broadly prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in trade or commerce. CPR's focus is on holding businesses and individuals accountable for conduct that misleads consumers. There is no cash receipt 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.

Attorney General's Office (AGO) Agency Assumptions:

This bill is assumed effective 90 days after the end of the 2025 legislative session.

Location of staffing is assumed to be in a King County office building.

Total workload impact in this request includes standard assumption costs for goods & services, travel, and capital outlays for all FTE identified.

Agency administration support FTE are included in the tables. The Management Analyst 5 FTE (MA) is used as a representative classification. An example ratio is for every 1.0 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG), the AGO includes 0.5 Paralegal 1 FTE (PL1) and 0.4 MA.

1. Assumptions for the AGO Consumer Protection Division (CPR):

The AGO's Consumer Protection Division (CPR) activities require General Fund-State. CPR enforces the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) against entities who violate RCW 19.86.020, which broadly prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in trade or commerce. CPR's focus is on holding businesses and individuals accountable for conduct that misleads consumers.

CPR assumes that enforcement of this bill provisions applicable to operators of addictive internet-based services or applications will be absorbed by existing resources dedicated to investigating and enforcing violations of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) addressing the same subject matter and will result in no additional AAG. CPR assumes that enforcement of the provisions applicable to businesses that provides an online service, product, or feature likely to be accessed by minors will not be entirely absorbed by existing resources.

CPR assumes that, in the first year following enactment, enforcement will consist primarily of monitoring for compliance, and may require opening up to one new investigation, requiring 0.25 AAG or 450 AAG hours, and 0.5 Investigator FTE (INV) or 900 INV hours. CPR assumes that enforcement in years two through three will require opening up to one new investigation per year, and may involve filing up to one new lawsuit, requiring 0.75 AAG or 1,350 AAG hours, and 0.25 INV or 450 INV hours in each year. CPR assumes that, due to increasing industry compliance, enforcement in years four through six will consist largely of monitoring for compliance, requiring 0.25 AAG or 450 AAG hours, and 0.25 INV or 450 INV hours.

CPR total estimated workload hours:

FY 2026: 450 AAG hours, and 900 INV hours

FY 2027 and FY 2028: 1,350 AAG hours, and 450 INV hours

FY 2029 and in each FY thereafter: 450 AAG hours, and 450 INV hours

CPR total King County workload impact:

FY 2026: \$164,000 for 0.3 AAG, 0.5 INV, and 0.2 PL1, which includes direct litigation costs of \$6,000

FY 2027: \$306,000 for 0.8 AAG, 0.3 INV, and 0.4 PL1, which includes direct litigation costs of \$34,860

FY 2028: \$306,000 for 0.8 AAG, 0.3 INV, and 0.4 PL1, which includes direct litigation costs of \$34,500

FY 2029 and in each FY thereafter: \$122,000 for 0.3 AAG, 0.3 INV, and 0.2 PL1, which includes direct litigation costs of \$6,000

2. The AGO Children, Youth and Families Division (CYF) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or

decrease the division's workload. The enactment of this bill will not impact the provision of legal services to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). DCYF does not have an enforcement or oversight role with the standards created by this bill, and DCYF has no role in implementing the bill. Therefore, no costs are included in this request.

3. The AGO Revenue (REV) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload. The enactment of this bill will not impact the provision of legal services to any of REV's clients. Therefore, no costs are included in this request.

4. The AGO Solicitor General's Office Division (SGO) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload in advice or litigation. Therefore, no costs are included in this request.

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	164,000	306,000	470,000	428,000	244,000
Total \$			164,000	306,000	470,000	428,000	244,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.4	0.9
A-Salaries and Wages	107,000	186,000	293,000	265,000	158,000
B-Employee Benefits	32,000	55,000	87,000	79,000	48,000
C-Professional Service Contracts	3,000	31,000	34,000	34,000	6,000
E-Goods and Other Services	20,000	31,000	51,000	46,000	30,000
G-Travel	2,000	3,000	5,000	4,000	2,000
Total \$	164,000	306,000	470,000	428,000	244,000

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
Assistant Attorney General-King County	139,558	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.3
Management Analyst 5	98,040	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Paralegal 1-King County	74,700	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Senior Investigator-King County	108,156	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Total FTEs		1.1	1.8	1.5	1.4	0.9

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Consumer Protection Division (CPR)	164,000	306,000	470,000	428,000	244,000
Total \$	164,000	306,000	470,000	428,000	244,000

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.