Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1912 2S HB PL Title: Agricultural fuel/CCA ex.

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
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Licensing	Non-zei	ro but indeter	minate cost and/o	or savings. Pleas	e see dis	cussion.						
Department of Ecology	1.0	0	0	275,709	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	1.0	0	0	275,709	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name		2025-27			2027-29			2029-31	
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Ecology	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office	.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

Prepared by: Lisa Borkowski, OFM	Phone:	Date Published:
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Bill Number:	1912 2S HB PL	Title: Agricultural fuel/CCA ex.	Agency:	100-Office of Attorney General
Part I: Estii	mates		•	
X No Fisca				
Estimated Cash	Receipts to:			
NONE				
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Capital b	udget impact, compl	ete Part IV.		
Requires	new rule making, co	mplete Part V.		
Legislative C	Contact:		Phone:	Date: 05/01/2025
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Agency Appr	oval: Joe Zawis	lak	Phone: 360-586-3003	Date: 05/06/2025
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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.

- 1. The Attorney General's Office (AGO) Ecology Division (ECY) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Department of Ecology (Ecology). ECY anticipates during the first six months of FY 2026, minimal legal support will be required to support the development of Ecology guidance required under Section 1 of this bill, and to support rulemaking required to implement Section 2 of this bill. This bill is significantly reworked from SHB 1912 and no longer has a substantial rulemaking for Ecology. This engrossed substitute version has only website posting, development of some agricultural fuel user-oriented guidance about the availability of exempt fuels for purchase, and a very straightforward rulemaking to update Ecology's cap and invest rules to extend the public highways ag fuel exemption for additional years. ECY estimates the legal support for this bill will require approximately 30 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG) hours total in FY 26. New legal services are nominal, and costs are not included in this request.
- 2. The AGO Solicitor General's Office (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.
- 3. The AGO Agriculture & Health Division (AHD) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Department of Commerce (Commerce). Commerce provision of financial incentives and removal of barriers to retail fuel sellers regarding exempt agricultural fuel is not expected to require more than minimal legal advice. New legal services are nominal, and costs are not included in this request.

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)

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.

Bill Number:	1912 2S HB PL	Title: Agricultural fuel/CCA e	X.	Agency: 103-Department of Comn
Part I: Estim	nates			
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Estimated Cash	Receipts to:			
NONE				
Estimated Opera NONE	ating Expenditure	s from:		
Estimated Capita	al Budget Impact:			
NONE				
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Requires in	ew full making, co	implete I art v.		
Legislative Co			Phone:	Date: 05/01/2025
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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.

The Department of Commerce was removed from the E2SHB 1912's implementation. The program is now assigned to the Department of Licensing.

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.

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The Department of Commerce (Department) does not execute or implement the activities stated in this bill. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact on the Department.

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.

Part V: New Rule Making Required Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Bill Number: 1912 2S HB	PL Title: Agricultural fuel/CCA	A ex. Agend	cy: 240-Department of Licensing
Part I: Estimates		,	
No Fiscal Impact			
Estimated Cash Receipts to:			
NONE			
Estimated Operating Expend			
No	on-zero but indeterminate cost and/or	savings. Please see discussion.	
Estimated Capital Budget Im	ipact:		
NONE			
	iture estimates on this page represent the m opriate), are explained in Part II.	ost likely fiscal impact. Factors impacti	ng the precision of these estimates,
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Capital budget impact,	complete Part IV.		
Requires new rule mak	ing, complete Part V.		
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OFM Review: Kyl	le Siefering	Phone: (360) 995-382	5 Date: 05/02/2025

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(6) states the Legislature's intent for the Department of Licensing (DOL) to continue the payment remittance program through the 2025-2027 biennium, using unspent funds from the 2024 Supplemental Omnibus Operating Appropriations Act (ESSB 5950). This act directs DOL to make payments to eligible farm fuel users and agricultural transporters who purchased fuel that included the CCA surcharge in the price paid but are exempt under RCW 70A.65.080(7)(e)(i)-(ii).

If appropriated, DOL will implement the following payment structure for gallons used:

Payment Amou	nt Reported Fuel Usage
\$600	Less than 1,000 gallons
\$2,300	Greater than or equal to 1,000 gallons and less than 4,000 gallons
\$3,400	Greater than or equal to 4,000 gallons and less than 10,000 gallons
\$4,500	Greater than or equal to 10,000 gallons

If appropriated, DOL will utilize the existing platform established following the passage of ESSB 5095.

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.

See attached fiscal note

II. C - Expenditures

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See attached fiscal note

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

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

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

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

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)

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

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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.

Agency 240 – Department of Licensing Bill Number: 2SHB.PL 1912 Bill Title: Agriculture Fuel CCA exemption Part 1: Estimates ☐ No Fiscal Impact **Estimated Cash Receipts:** NONE **Estimated Expenditures:** INDETERMINATE; PLEASE SEE NARRATIVE Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions. ☐ If the fiscal impact is **less than \$50,000** per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I). ☑ 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. ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV. ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Request #	1
Bill #	1912 2SHB.PL

Part 2 – Explanation

This aims to clarify and support the exemption of agriculture fuel from the Climate Commitment Act (CCA).

2.A – Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Section 1(6) states the Legislature's intent for the Department of Licensing (DOL) to continue the payment remittance program through the 2025-2027 biennium, using unspent funds from the 2024 Supplemental Omnibus Operating Appropriations Act (ESSB 5950). This act directs DOL to make payments to eligible farm fuel users and agricultural transporters who purchased fuel that included the CCA surcharge in the price paid but are exempt under RCW 70A.65.080(7)(e)(i)-(ii).

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\$3,400	Greater than or equal to 4,000 gallons and less than 10,000 gallons
\$4,500	Greater than or equal to 10,000 gallons

If appropriated, DOL will utilize the existing platform established following the passage of ESSB 5095.

2.B - Cash receipts Impact

No revenue impact for DOL. The payments made under the remittance program would be from a budget appropriation and not DOL revenue collections.

2.C – Expenditures

The impact to expenditures is indeterminate. The amount of funding for this program is subject to appropriation contingent on the Legislature's continuation of the program.

If DOL is required to continue the program, DOL will provide application and process to access these remittance funds for annual fuel purchases to those that qualify. DOL estimates 4 FTEs at the Customer Service Specialist 2 level will be needed to process the anticipated number of applications and support customer inquiries by phone, email, and mail. The conclusion on the FTEs needed is based on the assumptions below:

- 2,400 applications per year + 10% growth year over year.
- 10% of all applications require in-depth potential fraud review.
- 28% of applicants require additional follow-up or information collection to complete review process.
- Average 90 customer contacts per week by phone, email, or mail.

Indeterminate for payout: DOL estimates

		ESTIMATED			
Fiscal Year	2023 2024		2025	2026	Fiscal Impact**
FY25*	4,000,000	3,000,000			7,000,000
FY26		1,400,000	3,400,000		4,800,000
FY27			1,440,000	5,324,000	6,764,000
Grand Total	\$4,000,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$4,840,000	\$5,324,000	\$18,564,000

^{*}Current year, not included in the 25-27 payout projections

Note: This table does not include DOL's estimated administrative costs. Those amounts are located in section 3.

FTE Salary and Benefits

DOL estimates 5.2 FTEs consisting of 4 Customer Service Specialist 2, 1 Licensing Services Manager and 0.2 WMS management of the program \$446,000 (details in 3.C)

Goods and Services:

General office supplies, telecommunications, employee training and development, print services, general data processing services, standard software, and misc. goods and services estimated at \$54,520 per year.

Postage and printing for outreach services estimated at \$5,200 per year.

Attorney fees estimated at \$22,000 per year.

Contracted Services:

Avantpage Translation Services estimated at \$2,500 per year.

Carahsoft standard contract: \$639,400 per year.

Contract details:

- License to use program, \$550,000 per year.
- Project Management 750 hours at \$200 from contractor, \$75,000 per year.
- Customer Service Program w/contractor, 5 licenses at \$240 per month, \$14,400 per year

Carahsoft Contract for payout and required 1% transaction fee are indeterminate as the number of applicants cannot be identified.

Travel: Outreach Services estimate at \$5,000 per year.

Support Services:

Agency Administrative Overhead is included at a rate of 24.8 percent of the direct program costs. This funding received covers agency-wide functions such as vendor payments, contract administration, financial management, mail processing, equipment management, help desk support, and technical assistance to DOL employees. These indirect costs are shown under object E. \$132,380 per year (contracted work is exempt from Indirect).

^{**}Not included in the fiscal note as this is indeterminate, DOL's projection based on history

Part 3 – Expenditure Detail

3.A – Operating Budget Expenditures

Operating Expenditures	Fund	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Climate Investment Account	26B	1,307,000	1,307,000	2,614,000	Ī	•
Account Totals		1,307,000	1,307,000	2,614,000	-	-

Note: These cost estimates represent DOL's administrative costs if the Legislature elects to continue the program. The estimated payout amounts are referenced in the table in section 2.C

3.B – Expenditures by Object or Purpose

Object of Expenditure	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
FTE Staff Years	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Salaries and Wages	315,000	315,000	630,000	Ē	-
Employee Benefits	131,000	131,000	262,000	Ē	-
Goods and Services	856,000	856,000	1,712,000		=
Travel	5,000	5,000	10,000	Ē	=
Total By Object Type	1,307,000	1,307,000	2,614,000	•	-

3.C - FTE Detail

Staffing	Salary	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
LICENSING SERVICES MANAGER	78,474	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Customer Service Specialist 2	50,330	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Management Nygard	165,120	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Management Clawson	187,968	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
-		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total FTE	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Totals may differ due to rounding.						

Qty	Title	Job description	Ongoing or Project
1	Licensing Services Manager	Supervise and oversee day to day operation of application processing and customer support. Collects and monitors program metrics and manages payment processing.	Project for 25-27 biennium
4	Customer Service Specialist 2	Processes applications, reviews for qualifications, and evaluates submissions to mitigate fraud risks. Provides customer service support on phones, email, and written correspondence.	Project for 25-27 biennium
0.1	Program Management	Provides overall program management, budget oversight, policy decisions, long term goals, strategic direction, and program support.	Project funding, perm FTE
0.1	Executive Program Management	Provides long term goals. strategic direction and program support.	Project funding, perm FTE

Part 4 – Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part 5 - New Rule Making Required

None.

	Title: Ag	ricultural fuel/C	CCA ex.		Agency: 461-Depar	tment of Ecology
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		1.5	0.5	1	.0 0.0	0.0
Account						
Climate Investment Account-State 26B-1		210,409	65,300	275,70	09 0	0
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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.

Compared to E2SHB 1912, E2SHB 1912 PL makes the following changes related to Ecology:

Section 2 would amend RCW 70A.65.080 to restrict the fuel exemption for agricultural purposes to only motor vehicle fuel or special fuel used to propel a motor vehicle starting January 1, 2030. It would also add definitions for motor vehicle fuel and special fuel.

This change to the exemption wouldn't impact Ecology because the reporting requirements stay the same. Ecology assumes no fiscal impact from the change in E2SHB 1912 PL.

The Climate Commitment Act (CCA), RCW 70A.65, is designed to help ensure that Washington State meets greenhouse gas limits established under RCW 70A.45.020 by directing Ecology to implement the Cap-and-Invest Program. This program creates compliance obligations for entities that emit over 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent and requires them to acquire compliance instruments equal to their emissions. The law states that fuel used for agricultural purposes by a farm fuel user is exempt from compliance. Many regulated fuel suppliers in Washington pass on their compliance costs to customers through "CCA surcharges" added to the price of fuel.

Section 1 would amend 70A.65 RCW to develop a voluntary registration process for retail fuel providers who elect to register with the Department of Ecology. Ecology will need to register fuel retail stations, provide a list and map online, and provide new guidance on purchasing agricultural exempt fuels and obtaining remittances by October 2025. Since there is no longer a registration program required, Ecology assumes no IT impacts for this section.

This section would also require Ecology to publish on its website a list of all retail locations where CCA-exempt agricultural fuels can be purchased if they voluntarily notify Ecology.

Ecology, in partnership with WA DOL, would provide guidance on how farmers can get remittances or buy fuel from retail stations. Ecology would also advise WA Dept of Commerce on providing financial incentives or removing financial barriers for retail stations moving into cardlock or membership programs for the purpose of selling agricultural exempt fuels.

Section 2 would amend RCW 70A.65.080 to extend the exemption for the on-road transportation of agricultural products from December 31, 2027, until December 31, 2029. This change would prompt rulemaking to extend the exemption for fuels used to transport agricultural products on highways until 2029. Ecology anticipates a level 1 rulemaking. The rulemaking language from Section 1(4) from previous versions is no longer in the bill.

Starting January 1, 2030, the exemption would only apply to motor vehicle fuel or special fuel that the farm fuel user uses to propel a motor vehicle. Ecology would already be collecting fuel data from regulated entities as part of the requirements for the previous bill version. Any additional rulemaking needed for the changes would be incorporated into the process for extending the exemption for the on-road transportation of agricultural products.

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.

The expenditure impact to Ecology under this bill is estimated to be greater than \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2026, and Fiscal Year 2027 to implement the requirements of sections 1 and 2.

Implementation

Section 1 would no longer require Ecology to build a new fuel reporting system. This change would remove the need for IT related costs because Ecology would no longer be required to build a registration system. Section 1 would require Ecology to establish a registry and searchable directory of retail fuel sellers who sell exempt agricultural fuel and who voluntarily elect to register with the Department of Ecology.

Ecology assumes 0.80 FTE Management Analyst 4 in FY 2026 and 0.40 FTE Management Analyst 4 in FY 2027 would serve as the project manager to set up the website directory. This position would establish a webpage to capture information from retail fuel sellers such as name, address, latitude, longitude, and types of exempt fuel. This position would also work closely with communications staff to create the guidance and required map.

Rulemaking

Section 2 would extend the exemption for the on-road transportation of agricultural products until December 31, 2029, and Ecology assumes rulemaking would be necessary to implement this change.

Ecology estimates that rulemaking would be minimally complex. It would require six months, from July 2025 to December 2025. This type of rulemaking would include one public hearing to accept comments on the rule proposal.

Rulemaking Lead: Ecology estimates 0.5 FTE of an Environmental Planner 3 would spend 6 months coordinating the rulemaking effort.

Ecology would hold one public hearing in FY 2026 for rulemaking. Ecology estimates no costs for facility rental costs since hearing(s) would be held virtually.

SUMMARY: The expenditure impact to Ecology under this bill is:

Implementation is estimated to require:

FY 2026: \$130,598 and 1.5 FTEs

FY 2027: \$65,300 and 0.5 FTEs

FY 2028: \$0 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2029: \$0 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2030: \$0 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2031: \$0 and 0.0 FTEs

Rulemaking is estimated to require:

FY 2026: \$79,811 and 0.6 FTEs

FY 2027: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2028: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2029: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2030: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2031: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs

THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE IMPACT to Ecology under this bill is estimated to be:

FY 2026: \$210,409 and 1.5 FTEs

FY 2027: \$65,300 and 0.5 FTEs

FY 2028: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs

FY 2029: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs FY 2030: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs FY 2031: \$0.00 and 0.0 FTEs

Notes on costs by object:

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 33.7% of salaries.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$5,552 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$2,398 per direct program FTE.

Equipment is the agency average of \$1,074 per direct program FTE.

Agency Administrative Overhead is calculated at the federally approved agency indirect rate of 29.9% of direct program salaries and benefits and is shown as object 9. Agency Administrative Overhead FTEs are included at 0.15 FTE per direct program FTE and are identified as Fiscal Analyst 2 and IT App Development - Journey.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
26B-1	Climate Investment	State	210,409	65,300	275,709	0	0
	Account						
		Total \$	210,409	65,300	275,709	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	1.5	0.5	1.0		
A-Salaries and Wages	114,396	35,520	149,916		
B-Employee Benefits	38,551	11,970	50,521		
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	7,218	2,221	9,439		
G-Travel	3,117	959	4,076		
J-Capital Outlays	1,396	430	1,826		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-Agency Administrative Overhead	45,731	14,200	59,931		
Total \$	210,409	65,300	275,709	0	0

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
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER 3	86,712	0.5		0.3		
FISCAL ANALYST 2		0.1	0.0	0.1		
IT APP DEVELOPMENT-JOURNEY		0.1	0.0	0.1		
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 4	88,800	0.8	0.4	0.6		
Total FTEs		1.5	0.5	1.0		0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

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.

Section 2 would amend RCW 70A.65.080 to extend the exemption for the on-road transportation of agricultural products from December 31, 2027, until December 31, 2029. This change would prompt rulemaking to extend the exemption for fuels used to transport agricultural products on highways until 2029. Ecology anticipates a level 1 rulemaking. The rulemaking language from Section 1(4) from previous versions is no longer in the bill.

Bill Number:	1912 2S HB PL	Title: Agricultural fuel/CCA ex.	Agency:	468-Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office
Part I: Esti	mates			
X No Fisca	l Impact			
Estimated Cash	n Receipts to:			
NONE				
Estimated Ope NONE	erating Expenditure	s from:		
Estimated Capi	ital Budget Impact:			
NONE				
		timates on this page represent the most likely	fiscal impact. Factors impacting	the precision of these estimates,
		, are explained in Part II. v corresponding instructions:		
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If fiscal i	mpact is less than \$5	0,000 per fiscal year in the current bienr	nium or in subsequent biennia, o	complete this page only (Part I
Capital b	udget impact, compl	ete Part IV.		
Requires	new rule making, co	omplete Part V.		
Legislative C	Contact:		Phone:	Date: 05/01/2025
Agency Prep	aration: Dominga	Soliz	Phone: 3606649173	Date: 05/05/2025
Agency Appr	roval: Dominga	Soliz	Phone: 3606649173	Date: 05/05/2025
OFM Review	: Lisa Bork	owski	Phone: (360) 742-2239	Date: 05/06/2025

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 adds a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW and makes permanent a temporary five-year exemption from Climate Commitment Act (CCA) compliance obligations for fuel used to transport agricultural products to market. The bill creates a program for tracking and ensuring that the fuel sold is actually exempt (because exemption will provide remittance payments to the fuel seller), requiring registration and reporting from fuel sellers.

The portion of the bill stating penalties could be issued for violations of the bill was struck from this version. Therefore, the Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office (ELUHO) estimates no impacts to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB).

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.

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.