

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5825 SB	Title: Guardianship
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Administrative Office of the Courts	.5	593,800	593,800	593,800	1.0	1,170,800	1,170,800	1,170,800	1.0	1,170,800	1,170,800	1,170,800
Administrative Office of the Courts	In addition to the estimate above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see individual fiscal note.											
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	0.5	593,800	593,800	593,800	1.0	1,170,800	1,170,800	1,170,800	1.0	1,170,800	1,170,800	1,170,800

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	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	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Administrative Office of the Courts	.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

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	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: 5825 SB	Title: Guardianship	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:

STATE	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
State FTE Staff Years		1.0	.5	1.0	1.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1		593,800	593,800	1,170,800	1,170,800
State Subtotal \$		593,800	593,800	1,170,800	1,170,800
COUNTY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
County FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Counties					
Counties Subtotal \$					
CITY	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
City FTE Staff Years					
Account					
Local - Cities					
Cities Subtotal \$					

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs 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:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note for 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.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

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

This bill amends the Revised Code of Washington as it relates to guardianship and conservatorship.

It amends RCW 11.130 as follows:

Sec. 3 (2): Allows a petition to be filed for a minor about to turn 18 within 45 days

Sec. 3 (3)(b)(iv): Includes parents as parties who must be notified of a petition being filed if they're involved in the adult's life - also states "if living", but that would seem to be a given.

Sec. 4 (5): Directs court visitor to ask for an attorney to be appointed if adult requests one or objects to guardianship

Sec. 1 (2)(b): Requires court to dismiss a petition if no one identified to serve as guardian in 14 days

It amends RCW 2.72 as follows:

Section 15 (1) raises the income limit not to exceed 400% of the federal poverty level; allows contracts for individuals in acute care hospitals and those who will soon be or who are medically ready for discharge.

Section 15 (2) establish a streamlined process to review requests for guardianship.

Section 15 (3) establish a navigator service.

Section 15 (4) fund training for guardians.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

II. C - Expenditures

FISCAL IMPACT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

For Sections 3 and 4, the cost would be \$6,700 based on the following assumptions:

Legal Services Senior Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, AOC would require salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 0.4 FTE to update / revise forms and benchbooks.

For Section 15 (3) and (4), the cost would be \$585,400 beginning in FY25 and ongoing based on the following assumptions:

Senior Court Program Analyst. Beginning July 1, 2024 and ongoing, AOC would salary, benefits, and associated standard costs for 1.0 FTE to act as navigator for guardianship services.

Goods and Service: \$400,000 to provide training to guardians.

Section 15 (1) is indeterminate as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has no data available to estimate the number of new personnel that would be eligible under the changes in this bill. AOC estimates that it could be as high as \$1.5 million.

AOC STAFF IMPACTS INCLUDE STANDARD COSTS

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 30.59% of salaries.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$3,600 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$2,000 per direct program FTE.

Ongoing Equipment is the agency average of \$1,800 per direct program FTE.

One-time IT Equipment is \$4,800 for the first fiscal year per direct program FTE.

Agency Indirect is calculated at a rate of 25.86% of direct program salaries and benefits.

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Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

State	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.0	.5	1.0	1.0
Salaries and Wages		113,200	113,200	216,600	216,600
Employee Benefits		34,600	34,600	66,200	66,200
Professional Service Contracts					
Goods and Other Services		3,700	3,700	7,200	7,200
Travel		2,100	2,100	4,000	4,000
Capital Outlays		1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600
Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
Grants, Benefits & Client Services		400,000	400,000	800,000	800,000
Debt Service					
Interagency Reimbursements					
Intra-Agency Reimbursements		38,300	38,300	73,200	73,200
Total \$		593,800	593,800	1,170,800	1,170,800

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs 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

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Legal Services Senior Analyst	122,600		0.0	0.0		
Senior Court Program Analyst	108,300		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs			1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0

III. E - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Court Services Division (030)		8,400	8,400		0.00
Management Services Division (070)		585,400	585,400	1,170,800	1,170,800.00
Total \$		593,800	593,800	1,170,800	1,170,800

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

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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: 5825 SB	Title: Guardianship	Agency: 307-Department of Children, Youth, and Families
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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.

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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.

SB 5825 clarifies guardianship and conservatorship.

Section 1(b) adds language that requires that a guardian or conservator be identified within 14 days or be dismissed by the court.

Section 2(6) clarifies that if there's been no investigation necessary to constitute good faith for the filing or the petition was filed in bad faith, court-appointed attorney fees, as well as others, may be granted against the petitioner.

Section 3(2) adds that someone within 45 days of turning 18, or the minor themselves, may petition for the appointment of a guardian for the minor

Section 3(3)(b)(iv) adds that petitioners for guardianship must also include the names of the parents, if they're living and involved in the petitioner's life

Section 4(5) adds that should a respondent for guardianship object to a petition or request an attorney, the court visitor must petition to have an attorney appointed within 5 days

Section 5(1) reduces from 30, to 14 days to provide a notice of the rights of an adult subject to guardianship

Section 7(11) increases from 120 to 180 from the anniversary date of appointment for the court clerk to issue the report to the guardian

Section 8(2)(b)(iv) adds that petitioners for conservatorship must also include the names of the parents, if they're living and involved in the petitioner's life

Section 8(6) adds that should a respondent for conservatorship object to a petition or request an attorney, the court visitor must petition to have an attorney appointed within 5 days

Section 12(1)(k) Add that all transactions involving the sale of real property require the conservator to receive appropriate court authority regarding disposition of the proceeds

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.

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.

No impact to Department of Children, Youth and Families. DCYF is already completing the required work.

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

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.