

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 6061 SB	Title: Housing development/SEPA
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available					
Local Gov. Total						

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
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Transportation	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Ecology	.2	0	0	43,841	.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 \$	0.2	0	0	43,841	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									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Transportation	Fiscal note not available								
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

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6061 SB	Title: Housing development/SEPA	Agency: 103-Department of Commerce
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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

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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 amends RCW 43.21C.229, adding new impact and mitigation language to the criteria list for receiving a categorical exemption, under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), for infill and housing development.

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.

There is no impact to the department. This bill does not amend the Growth Management Act (GMA). The department will review and revise local government GMA technical guidance under this bill, which is part of the Local Government Division's existing responsibilities and can be accomplished with minimal additional staff time.

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.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6061 SB	Title: Housing development/SEPA	Agency: 461-Department of Ecology
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
Account					
Model Toxics Control Operating Account-State 23P-1	0	43,841	43,841	0	0
Total \$	0	43,841	43,841	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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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.

Under current law, the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, provides a way to identify possible environmental impacts that may result from governmental decisions. Ecology is responsible for SEPA Rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC). Ecology rules include default “categorical exemptions” for certain actions that do not have to undergo environmental review. The RCW includes a variety of other kinds of exemptions from SEPA, and optional exemptions, that allow for further exemptions beyond those contained in Ecology rules.

Section 1 would amend chapter 43.31C RCW, SEPA, to add a categorical exemption from environmental review under SEPA for residential development in cities, provided the city has conducted certain analytical steps as outlined in the bill. The exemption would be limited to housing projects served by city sewer.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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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 less than \$50,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 to implement the requirements of section 1.

This bill would amend a significant new SEPA categorical exemption that was previously adopted in 2023. Ecology developed guidance on that exemption to address the many questions the exemption raised. Ecology assumes that the guidance would need to be updated to remain consistent with the categorical exemption in the statute. Based on previous experience, Ecology estimates that this work would require 0.30 FTE Environmental Planner 5 in FY 2025.

SUMMARY: The expenditure impact to Ecology under this bill is \$43,841.

FY 2025: \$43,841 and 0.35 FTEs

Notes on costs by object:

Salary estimates are current biennium actual rates at Step L.

Benefits are the agency average of 34.1% of salaries.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$6,048 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$2,205 per direct program FTE.

Equipment is the agency average of \$1,286 per direct program FTE.

Agency Administrative Overhead is calculated at the federally approved agency indirect rate of 29.8% 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 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
23P-1	Model Toxics Control Operating Account	State	0	43,841	43,841	0	0
Total \$			0	43,841	43,841	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.4	0.2		
A-Salaries and Wages		23,543	23,543		
B-Employee Benefits		8,028	8,028		
E-Goods and Other Services		1,814	1,814		
G-Travel		662	662		
J-Capital Outlays		386	386		
9-Agency Administrative Overhead		9,408	9,408		
Total \$	0	43,841	43,841	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 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER 5	78,476		0.3	0.2		
FISCAL ANALYST 2			0.0	0.0		
IT APP DEV-JOURNEY			0.0	0.0		
Total FTEs			0.4	0.2		0.0

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

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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.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

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Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

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

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Sec. 1: Defines when certain property is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Requires cities or counties to prepare an environmental analysis that considers the maximum density and intensity of the impacts in the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan. The jurisdiction must document consultation with the Department of Transportation regarding impacts on state-owned infrastructure and how the impacts are addressed through mitigation, or through concurrency programs, subdivisions, or dedications approval processes. This does not provide a private party the right to seek judicial review requiring compliance.

This bill will likely result in the filing of some additional appeals before the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB), however, impacts are anticipated to be minimal and can be absorbed by the GMHB.

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

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