

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1579 HB	<b>Title:</b> Independent prosecutions
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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	No fiscal impact					
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
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
Administrative Office of the Courts	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Office of Attorney General	54.5	19,748,000	19,748,000	19,748,000	54.5	20,058,000	20,058,000	20,058,000	54.5	20,058,000	20,058,000	20,058,000
Office of Independent Investigations	Fiscal note not available											
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>19,748,000</b>	<b>19,748,000</b>	<b>19,748,000</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>20,058,000</b>	<b>20,058,000</b>	<b>20,058,000</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>20,058,000</b>	<b>20,058,000</b>	<b>20,058,000</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	No fiscal impact								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
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
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Independent Investigations	Fiscal note not available								
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts	No fiscal impact								
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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# Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1579 HB	<b>Title:</b> Independent prosecutions	<b>Agency:</b> 055-Administrative Office of the Courts
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Expenditures from:

NONE

### 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

The bill would establish a mechanism for independent prosecutions within the Office of the Attorney General of criminal conduct arising from police use of force.

### II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

None

### II. C - Expenditures

No fiscal impact expected to the Administrative Office of the Courts and the courts.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

### 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

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1579 HB	<b>Title:</b> Independent prosecutions	<b>Agency:</b> 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 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	9,814,000	9,934,000	19,748,000	20,058,000	20,058,000
<b>Total \$</b>	9,814,000	9,934,000	19,748,000	20,058,000	20,058,000

### 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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- 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.
- 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 43.10.232 to allow the Attorney General’s Office (AGO) concurrent authority to investigate, initiate and conduct prosecutions of crimes involving the use of deadly force by police officers.

Section 2 – Amends RCW 43.10.234 considerations court makes when designating prosecuting authority.

Section 3 – New section to chapter 43.10 RCW. Establishment of independent prosecution unit. Sets out authority and role of this unit.

Section 4 – Amends RCW 36.27.030, to set out procedure to transfer case to independent unit when prosecutor has conflict of interest.

Section 5 – Amends RCW 36.27.040. Standard for prosecuting attorney to recuse from case.

Section 6 – New Section added to chapter 36.27 RCW. If prosecutor declines to file, it must refer case to the independent unit at the AGO.

Section 7 – Amends RCW 43.102.080, where completed investigations must be sent and what they must include.

Section 8 – New Section, severability clause.

Section 9 – New Section, if this act is not funded by June 30, 2023 the 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.*

General Fund-State (GF-S) Account 001-1: The newly created Attorney General’s Office Independent Prosecutions activities would be funded with General Fund-State dollars. No cash receipt impact. There is no client agency to bill for legal services.

### 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.*

This bill is assumed effective 90 days after the end of the 2023 legislative session.

Location of staffing assumed to be in a non-Seattle 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, for every 1.0 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG), the AGO includes 0.5 FTE for a Legal Assistant 3 (LA) and 0.25 FTE of a Management Analyst 5 (MA). The MA is used as a representative classification.

Agency Administrative staff included in this request:

Information Technology Support Technician 2 (1.0 FTE) for support in wiring and networking, local area network (LAN) management, and ongoing technical support.

Information Technology Security-Senior Specialist (1.0 FTE) to conduct and maintain data security of business systems used by this office, manage ongoing IT risk assessments, and ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and statewide security policies related to data sharing with local law enforcement.

MA 5 (2.0 FTE) support for ongoing timekeeping, payroll, budgeting and projection of expenditures, accounting transactions and report generation, and contracting oversight.

Human Resources Consultant 3 (HRC 3) (1.0 FTE) for oversight from position announcements through the hiring process, an ongoing presence in supporting division turnover and replacements, and evaluations.

Assumptions for a new AGO Independent Prosecution Division:

This bill would require the creation of a new division in the AGO headed by an “independent prosecutor” appointed by the Attorney General. This new division would review cases of police use of deadly force for potential criminal charges. The new division would handle a large volume of complex, controversial, high-profile, expensive, time-consuming cases. There is limited data available on the number of incidents per year where police use deadly force in Washington State because that is not information that is tracked or collected. That makes it difficult to estimate exactly how many cases would come to the AGO if this bill passed; and consequently, difficult to estimate how many FTE the AGO would need to perform the work required. This fiscal note adopts the projections of the Office of Independent Investigations (OII), which estimates approximately 250 cases involving use of deadly force per year; and approximately 26 of the 250 cases per year resulting in death.

There is difficulty in estimating costs because the AGO is estimating the cases that it will see from OII. This bill allows the county prosecutor to first review the case or hire a special deputy prosecuting attorney rather than send the case to the AGO if the county prosecutor recognizes a conflict of interest. Regardless, those cases that are not charged by the county or a special deputy then come to the AGO for review, which will likely be the vast majority of cases. Many cases will be voluminous and require intense and lengthy review, others less so. Some will require years of litigation, others none. The AGO would be tasked with reviewing each case it receives for potential criminal charges against police officers and filing and litigating those cases warranting criminal charges (as well as appeals and other post-conviction litigation). The following needs are based upon best estimates considering all of these circumstances.

Division Chief or “Independent Prosecutor” (1.0 FTE)

Organize and create the division

Interview employee candidates and make hiring decisions

Manage/supervise the division

Manage the divisional budget

Provide for necessary training for division employees

Acquire necessary resources for the division

Complete performance evaluations

Liaison with law enforcement, county prosecutors, others

Manage public records response processes

Manage responses to constituent inquiries

Liaison with AGO Media Relations

Supervise Managing AAGs and evaluate their performance

Managing AAGs (3.0 FTE) (MAAG)

Serve as trial/review team leaders

Supervise groups of five-six employees

Performance evaluations

Handle partial caseload as described below

Supervise AAGs  
Supervise Paralegal 3  
Supervise Crime Victim Advocate Supervisor  
Supervise Crime Analyst  
Manage public records issues and responses  
Manage responses to constituent inquiries

#### AAG (15.0 FTE)

Work with investigators on the investigation  
Providing consultation  
Brainstorming investigative ideas  
Reviewing search warrants  
Obtaining necessary court orders  
Cause Garrity reviews  
This means screening the completed investigations before a prosecutor reviews the case to ensure no compelled statements from police officers—which cannot be considered—are included in the investigative files  
Review the investigation for potential criminal charges  
Review investigative reports, medical reports, witness statements  
Discuss case with investigators  
Consulting experts  
Medical doctors, including forensic pathologists  
Use of force experts  
Requesting follow-up investigation by investigating agency  
Staffing cases with colleagues and supervisors  
Drafting memos  
Meetings  
Presentations  
Preparing letters or reports explaining decisions to decline criminal charges  
Meetings with victim or family of deceased  
Preparing charging documents  
Prosecuting charged cases (Two AAGs per case)  
Legal research  
Drafting pleadings  
Filing motions  
Responding to motions  
Court appearances/evidentiary hearings  
Meetings with law enforcement investigators  
Meeting/interviewing prosecution civilian and expert witnesses  
Interviewing defense witnesses  
Attending defense interviews of prosecution witnesses  
Meetings w/ victim or family of deceased  
Meetings with AGO staff (supervisors, co-counsel, paralegals, investigators)  
Trials  
Appeals  
Respond to interlocutory appeals  
Defend convictions on appeal  
Respond to post-conviction motions/personal restraint petitions  
Court appearances  
Public Records  
Provide advice to AGO staff responding to public records requests  
Every case is likely to be the subject of a public records request

Review and redact AGO documents (correspondence, investigative materials, etc.) as necessary in response to public records requests

Respond to constituent inquiries

Administrative Operations Manager (AOM) (1.0 FTE)

Manage the day to day administrative and fiscal operations of the division

Paralegal 3 (PL3) (3.0 FTE)

Supervise paralegals and supervising legal assistant(s),

Performance evaluations

Manage public records intake and responses

Carry partial caseload (described below for P2's)

Paralegal 2 (PL2) (7.0 FTE)

Respond to public records requests

Review records

Redact records

Ensure attorneys review and redact records as necessary

Coordinate discovery from completed investigations

Organize investigative files received from investigating agency for review by AAGs

Run criminal histories as needed

Coordinate meetings/interviews of witnesses for individual cases

Support assigned trial prosecutors for charged cases

Handle discovery

Subpoenas for witnesses

Subpoenas duces tecum

Coordinate witness interviews/court appearances

Use software for trial organization and presentation of evidence

Create trial exhibits

Assist at trial with courtroom technology and witness scheduling

Victim Advocates (5.0 FTE)

One victim advocate supervisor

Supervises four victim advocates

Evaluates performance

Liaison between AGO and injured person or the family of deceased

Provide comfort and support to injured persons or family of deceased

Connect injured person or family of deceased with needed resources

Counseling

Financial assistance

Legal assistance

Collect restitution information

Medical expenses

Funeral expenses

Attend meetings between AGO and injured person or family of deceased

Attend defense interviews of injured person or family members of deceased

Assist in scheduling court appearances for injured person or family members of deceased

Attend court appearances where injured person or family of deceased will attend

Data Consultant 2 (1.0 FTE) (DC2)

Create data points from the review and prosecution of these cases

Collect and organize data in a database

Reach out to local, state, and federal criminal justice partners for data/information as needed  
Analyze data as needed on specific cases  
Cell phone data  
Timelines  
Police agency organization/policies/practices  
Criminal organizations  
Bank records  
Other  
Create annual (or other) report of the division's cases and outcomes

Legal Assistants—One for every three AAGs, and supervising legal assistants  
Maintain and update case files for assigned attorneys  
Draft, proofread, serve, and file legal pleadings and correspondence  
Independently compose routine correspondence to courts and parties  
Schedule hearings by coordinating with the court and opposing counsel  
Schedule depositions by coordinating dates with parties, securing facilities, court reporters, and videographers  
Utilize the case management system to track deadlines and log documents  
Assist attorneys and paralegals in organizing and preparing trial notebooks, pleadings, and exhibits to be used at trial  
Track and organize discovery materials  
Arrange travel and processed travel reimbursements for attorneys  
Process invoices and incoming mail

The AGO assumes the new division will be located in Thurston County and additional lease space will be necessary for staff. The AGO assumes \$550,000 per FY based on current lease contract rates in the Bristol Court Office Building.

Expert Witnesses: \$1 million per FY.  
Some cases will require no paid expert consultation while other cases will require extensive use of experts (use of force experts, pathologists, medical experts, etc.)

Litigation Travel: \$250,000 per FY.  
AAG Travel: \$220,000 per FY for potential crime scene response; attend autopsies; meetings with investigators; meetings with medical examiner/doctors; meetings with injured person or family of deceased; interviewing witnesses; attend defense interviews, court appearances, and trial.  
Victim Advocacy Travel: \$20,000 per FY.  
PLs Travel for Trials: \$10,000 per FY.

Contract interpreter services: \$150,000 per FY (\$150/hour x 1,000 estimated annual hours)  
For witnesses, injured parties, or family of deceased where English is not their first language.

Data storage costs: \$250,000 per FY  
For anticipated large volumes of video evidence (police body-worn camera video, police dash camera video, cell phone video, doorbell video, store security camera video).  
Video Files (720p HD @30 frames/sec) / 3.5 gigabyte (GB) per hour.  
10 Videos per Case / 35 GB per case.  
50 Cases per FY = 1,750 GB per FY.  
Everlaw Cost (2022 estimated rate) totals \$9,960 per fiscal month.  
\$119,520 annual cost is rounded up to \$120,000 per FY.  
File retention from the previous FY is required as well as new electronic files for the current FY.  
This total is assumed to increase by \$120,000 each FY.

Total costs:

FY 2024: \$9,814,000 for 1.0 Division Chief, 3.0 MAAG, 15.0 AAG, 1.0 AOM, 3.0 PL3, 7.0 PL2, 1.0 Victim Advocate Supervisor, 4.0 Crime Victim Advocates, 1.0 DC2, 2.0 MA 5, 1.0 IT Support Tech 2, 1.0 IT Security Senior Specialist, 1.0 HRC3 and 9.0 LA (this includes litigation costs of \$3,142,000).

FY 2025: \$9,934,000 for 1.0 Division Chief, 3.0 MAAG, 15.0 AAG, 1.0 AOM, 3.0 PL3, 7.0 PL2, 1.0 Victim Advocate Supervisor, 4.0 Crime Victim Advocates, 1.0 DC2, 2.0 MA 5, 1.0 IT Support Tech 2, 1.0 IT Security Senior Specialist, 1.0 HRC3 and 9.0 LA (this includes litigation costs of \$3,262,000).

FY 2026 and in each FY thereafter: \$10,029,000 for 1.0 Division Chief, 3.0 MAAG, 15.0 AAG, 1.0 AOM, 3.0 PL3, 7.0 PL2, 1.0 Victim Advocate Supervisor, 4.0 Crime Victim Advocates, 1.0 DC2, 2.0 MA 5, 1.0 IT Support Tech 2, 1.0 IT Security Senior Specialist, 1.0 HRC3 and 9.0 LA (this includes litigation costs of \$3,357,000).

The AGO Government Compliance and Enforcement Division has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division’s workload in representing the OII.

This bill would establish within the AGO an Independent Prosecutions unit and would give the AGO concurrent authority with prosecuting attorneys to investigate and prosecute crimes involving the use of deadly force by police officers and any other investigations within the scope of the OII. Upon the completion of an investigation, OII would be required to send the completed investigation and referral to both the county prosecutor and the AGO independent prosecutions unit. As this bill essentially allows for the substitution of one prosecutor for another, we do not anticipate any increase in legal advice requests from OII as a result of its enactment. New legal services are nominal, and costs are not included in this request.

The AGO Administration Division has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division’s workload. New legal services are nominal, and costs are not included in this request.

**Part III: Expenditure Detail**

**III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures**

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	9,814,000	9,934,000	19,748,000	20,058,000	20,058,000
<b>Total \$</b>			9,814,000	9,934,000	19,748,000	20,058,000	20,058,000

**III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5
A-Salaries and Wages	5,036,000	5,036,000	10,072,000	10,072,000	10,072,000
B-Employee Benefits	1,636,000	1,636,000	3,272,000	3,272,000	3,272,000
C-Professional Service Contracts	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
E-Goods and Other Services	1,843,000	1,963,000	3,806,000	4,116,000	4,116,000
G-Travel	299,000	299,000	598,000	598,000	598,000
<b>Total \$</b>	9,814,000	9,934,000	19,748,000	20,058,000	20,058,000

**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 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Admin Office Manager	100,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Assistant Attorney General	118,700	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Crime Victim Advocates	96,000	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Crime Victim Advocates - Supervisor	105,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Data Consultant 2	58,704	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Division Chief	150,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Human Resource Consultant 3	73,260	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
IT Security - Senior/Specialist	115,824	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
IT Support Technician 2	58,704	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Legal Assistant 3	55,872	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Management Analyst 5	91,524	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Managing AAG	125,000	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Paralegal 2	71,520	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Paralegal 3	78,900	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>Total FTEs</b>		54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Financial Services Division (FIS)	272,000	272,000	544,000	544,000	544,000
Facilities Division (FST)	550,000	550,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Human Resources Division (HRO)	109,000	109,000	218,000	218,000	218,000
Information Services Division (ISD)	267,000	267,000	534,000	534,000	534,000
Independant Prosecution Division (NEW)	8,616,000	8,736,000	17,352,000	17,662,000	17,662,000
<b>Total \$</b>	9,814,000	9,934,000	19,748,000	20,058,000	20,058,000

**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.*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

**Bill Number:** 1579 HB

**Title:** Independent prosecutions

**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.*

Sec. 1 amends RCW 43.10.232. The Office of the Attorney General (AGO) shall have concurrent authority and power with the prosecuting attorneys to investigate, initiate, and conduct prosecutions of crimes involving police use of deadly force in the state of Washington. Nothing in this subsection affects the authority of the prosecuting attorney to conduct prosecutions of crimes committed by an individual who is the subject of the use of force action by the involved officer.

Sec. 5 amends RCW 36.27.040. In any case involving potential prosecution of a crime involving use of deadly force by a police officer, the prosecuting attorney shall determine if recusal is necessary under the ethical rules applicable to all lawyers or to preserve public confidence. If the prosecuting attorney finds recusal is necessary under the ethics rules or to preserve public confidence, the prosecuting attorney must either transfer the case to the independent prosecutions unit of the AGO within 30 days of receiving the case or appoint a conflict-free special deputy prosecuting attorney.

Sec. 6 create a new section in RCW 36.27. If the prosecuting attorney or conflict-free special deputy prosecuting attorney appointed pursuant to RCW 36.27.040 makes a determination not to file criminal charges in the case, the prosecuting attorney or conflict-free special deputy prosecuting attorney must refer the case and all investigative materials concerning the case to the independent prosecutions unit of the AGO within 30 days of the decision to not file criminal charges.

### **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 impact for local government. According to the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, county prosecutors already review cases of deadly force by law enforcement officers for potential conflicts of interest, and refer cases to other prosecutor offices as needed. As such, the bill would not result in any additional 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 government.

#### **SOURCES:**

Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys