

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 2407 HB	<b>Title:</b> Child welfare workers
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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
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Fiscal note not available											
<b>Total \$</b>	0.0	0	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	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
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 Children, Youth, and Families	Fiscal note not available								
<b>Total \$</b>	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
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Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 2407 HB

Title: Child welfare workers

## Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

### Legislation Impacts:

Cities: Local law enforcement agencies and locally employed first responders could experience an indeterminate expenditure increase due to accompanying child welfare workers when the child welfare worker has concerns that violence could occur based on a family member's history of violence.

Counties: Same as above.

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: Number of times local law enforcement agencies or first responders will be requested to accompany a child welfare worker, and the length of time each accompaniment will require.

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

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

## 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. 2. would add a new section to chapter 74.14B allowing a child welfare worker to request to be accompanied by a second trained individual when the child welfare worker has concerns that violence could occur based on a family member's history of violence.

(2) When a request is made under subsection (1) of this section, the department would be required to arrange for a second trained individual to accompany the child welfare worker unless it is not possible to fulfill the request under the circumstances.

(3) The second trained individual from a local government that may accompany a child welfare worker include:

- (a) A law enforcement officer;
- (b) A mental health professional; or
- (c) A first responder, such as a firefighter or emergency medical personnel.

### **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.*

Local law enforcement agencies and locally employed first responders could experience an indeterminate increase in expenditures if they accompany a welfare worker when the worker requests to be accompanied by a second trained individual because there are concerns that violence could occur based on a family member's history of violence. The frequency with which welfare workers may request to be accompanied cannot be predicted in advance, so the potential expenditure impact is indeterminate.

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) notes that officers are occasionally present when a child welfare worker (or someone with a like title) is supervising an “exchange” of a child from one custodial guardian to another. Because the legislation would allow welfare workers to request accompaniment, WASPC anticipates law enforcement would likely experience an uptick in requests as behavioral health needs increase in Washington.

### **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 not impact local governments’ revenue.

#### **SOURCES:**

Association of Washington Cities

Department of Health

Department of Social and Health Services

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

Washington State Association of Counties