

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 5683 SB	Title: Foster care/Indian children	Agency: 307-Department of Children, Youth, and Families
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
General Fund-Federal 001-2	43,000	79,000	122,000	254,000	308,000
Total \$	43,000	79,000	122,000	254,000	308,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.0	3.5	2.8	4.5	4.5
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	884,000	2,470,000	3,354,000	8,905,000	11,148,000
General Fund-Federal 001-2	43,000	79,000	122,000	254,000	308,000
Total \$	927,000	2,549,000	3,476,000	9,159,000	11,456,000

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.

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 form 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.
- 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 the RCW that establishes the child-specific license to allow the Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) to issue child specific licenses to an Indian child's family or extended family member.

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.

This would increase the number of foster care maintenance payments which are about 34% federally funded. See expenditures for more details. Estimated reduction in reimbursement:

FY24: \$15,000

FY25: \$49,000

FY26: \$80,000

FY27: \$108,000

FY28: \$121,000

FY29: \$121,000

Licensing staff are partially funded by the Title IV-E federal grant. Additionally, the Title IV-E federal reimbursement rate is 13% for administrative support, this is applied to all FTE costs. Estimated federal revenue is as follows:

FY24: \$28,000

FY25: \$30,000

FY26: \$33,000

FY27: \$33,000

FY28: \$33,000

FY29: \$33,000

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 Department of Children, Youth and Families estimates \$3,476,000 (\$3,354,000 GFS) and 2.75 FTE in the 23-25 Biennium.

As of 1/31/2023, there are approximately 641 children, ages 0-17, placed in kinship providers through documented Tribal Payment Only Cases in our FamLink system. This does not represent the full tribal caseload population, only those individuals who have a pre-existing relationship with the department. These children are placed in 418 kinship provider homes. Of those, 403 are currently not licensed and do not receive a foster care maintenance payments.

DCYF estimates that based on this bill approximately 302 of these households (75% of all active cases) will become licensed over the course of 4 years. This will increase the number of children eligible for foster care maintenance payments and the number of licensing staff required to license and maintain these homes.

Foster Care Maintenance Payments: \$2,748,000 (\$2,683,000 GFS) in the 23-25 Biennium

Of the 641 children, only 84 are in homes that are currently licensed. It is assumed that the number of licensed homes would increase by 40% by the end of the 23-25 biennium and 75% by the end of the 25-27 biennium. DCYF assumes a steady increase in the number of licensed home for the next 4 years. Based on the 557 children currently in unlicensed homes, this would lead to 223 additional foster care maintenance payments per month by the end of FY25 and 418 additional foster care maintenance payments per month by the end of FY27. The per capita cost of these payments based

on the forecast is \$1,021.31 per month. Based on these rates costs per year are:

- FY24: \$657,000
- FY25: \$2,091,000
- FY26: \$3,399,000
- FY27: \$4,601,000
- FY28: \$5,152,000
- FY29: \$5,152,000

Most of these cases come from non-Title IV-E eligible tribes and would therefore these foster care maintenance payments would not be Title IV-E eligible and would have to be entirely state funded. For the estimated 29 additional Title IV-E eligible cases, the current penetration rate of 67% was used to estimate the percent of these new homes that would meet Title IV-E eligibility requirements. Currently state match for Title IV-E is approximately 50%, this leads to the assumption that 34% of the additional costs from these cases would be federally funded.

Licensing Staff: \$729,000 (\$670,000 GFS) and 2.75 FTE in the 23-25 Biennium

Assessment workers average completion of 2.5 home studies per month and we anticipate approximately two additional applications per month. Therefore, 1.0 Social Service Specialist 3 (SSS3) FTE will be needed to complete the assessment and licensing process. A maintenance licensor maintains approximately 85 licensed homes. Therefore, an additional 3.5 Social Service Specialist 3 (SSS3) FTEs will be needed to manage the ongoing maintenance workload associated with the newly licensed homes.

These FTEs would be phased in to match the increased licensing demand over the course of the first 3 years, with staff initially assisting with policy development and communication with the tribes.

Total costs including salaries, benefits, equipment, goods and services, travel, and admin support:

- FY24: 2.0 FTE = \$270,000
- FY25: 3.5 FTE = \$458,000
- FY26: 4.5 FTE = \$583,000
- FY27: 4.5 FTE = \$576,000
- FY28: 4.5 FTE = \$576,000
- FY29: 4.5 FTE = \$576,000

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	884,000	2,470,000	3,354,000	8,905,000	11,148,000
001-2	General Fund	Federal	43,000	79,000	122,000	254,000	308,000
Total \$			927,000	2,549,000	3,476,000	9,159,000	11,456,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.0	3.5	2.8	4.5	4.5
A-Salaries and Wages	154,000	270,000	424,000	694,000	694,000
B-Employee Benefits	55,000	96,000	151,000	246,000	246,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	4,000	6,000	10,000	16,000	16,000
G-Travel	5,000	8,000	13,000	22,000	22,000
J-Capital Outlays	14,000	11,000	25,000	7,000	
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	657,000	2,091,000	2,748,000	8,000,000	10,304,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	38,000	67,000	105,000	174,000	174,000
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Total \$	927,000	2,549,000	3,476,000	9,159,000	11,456,000

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
Social Service Specialist 3	77,029	2.0	3.5	2.8	4.5	4.5
Total FTEs		2.0	3.5	2.8	4.5	4.5

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Children and Family Services (010)	889,000	2,482,000	3,371,000	8,985,000	11,282,000
Program Support (090)	38,000	67,000	105,000	174,000	174,000
Total \$	927,000	2,549,000	3,476,000	9,159,000	11,456,000

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

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.

WAC 110-148-1326 may have to be updated to allow an Indian child’s family or extended family member to receive a child specific license.