

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5890 E S SB	Title: Ballot rejection
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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
Office of the Secretary of State	.5	124,782	124,782	124,782	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
University of Washington	.0	9,694	9,694	9,694	.0	9,694	9,694	9,694	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	0.5	134,476	134,476	134,476	0.0	9,694	9,694	9,694	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
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
University of Washington	.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

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5890 E S SB	Title: Ballot rejection	Agency: 085-Office of the Secretary of State
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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	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	124,782	124,782	0	0
Total \$	0	124,782	124,782	0	0

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:

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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.

Changes in ESSB 5890 compared to previous version (SSB 5890)

Would add Section 1(5) which requires the auditor to contact the voter if the voter's ballot is rejected in two consecutive primary or general elections due to a mismatched signature.

Summary:

Sec. 1. Requires the auditor to notify the voter by telephone, using the voter registration record information, if the ballot is received within five business days, rather than 3, of the final meeting of the canvassing board.

Sec. 3 would add a new section to chapter 29A.60 RCW.

Sec. 3(1)(a) would require the secretary of state to adopt and review statewide signature verification standards to confirm the ballot declaration signatures match the signature on the voter registration record,

Sec. 3(1)(b) would require the secretary of state to adopt, publish, and regularly update a training manual.

Sec. 3(1)(c) would require the secretary of state to design and implement tools to ensure compliance with voter signature verification standards.

Sec. 4 would add a new section to chapter 29A.60 RCW and require the secretary of state to design forms for voters to complete incomplete ballot declarations in the various languages required of state agencies. The form has specific requirements and county auditors will publish these forms on the county auditor's website and in the county auditor's office.

Sec. 9(13) and 10(12) would encourage the secretary of state to design voter registration forms with multiple signature blocks.

Sec. 11 would add a new section to chapter 29A.60 RCW and require the establishment of a work group, chaired by the secretary of state, or the secretary's designee, to approve a uniform ballot envelope design for use beginning in the 2026 primary.

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.

Sect. 3: OSOS adopts, publishes and reviews statewide signature verification standards, training and materials as part of our current processes. No fiscal impact.

Sec.4: OSOS would require hire 1 FTE (196G, 48L - Graphic Designer Senior) for a one-year project (FY2025), to assist the Office in the design of the ballot curing forms for voters to use in completing incomplete ballot declarations, in the various languages required of state agencies. In this connection, the OSOS estimates that it will cost \$125,000 for the FTE

and related costs.

Sect. 11: OSOS expects the work group to convene in January of 2025 and assumes the meetings would occur remotely and in the course of the participants’ official duties. No fiscal impact.

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	0	124,782	124,782	0	0
Total \$			0	124,782	124,782	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.0	0.5		
A-Salaries and Wages		64,092	64,092		
B-Employee Benefits		26,284	26,284		
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		5,850	5,850		
G-Travel		2,500	2,500		
J-Capital Outlays		12,500	12,500		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		13,556	13,556		
9-					
Total \$	0	124,782	124,782	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
Graphic Designer Senior	64,092		1.0	0.5		
Total FTEs			1.0	0.5		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

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: 5890 E S SB	Title: Ballot rejection	Agency: 360-University of Washington
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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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	9,694	9,694	9,694	0
Total \$	0	9,694	9,694	9,694	0

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

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.

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5890 relates to efforts to reduce election ballot rejection rates. While the engrossed substitute has been amended from previous versions, the provisions affecting the University of Washington (UW) have not changed. Therefore, the UW is submitting the same fiscal note.

Section 11 is relevant to the UW and requires the establishment of a workgroup to approve a uniform ballot envelopment design to be used by all counties starting with the 2026 primary election. The work group will be chaired by the Secretary of State's Office but is required to include a representative from the UW's Evans School of Public Policy and Governance. This provision sunsets on January 1, 2027.

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 UW generally assumes participation by a faculty or staff member in a work group will require .03 of an FTE per year. This estimate includes time for a monthly one-hour meeting as well as time for preparation or travel. The work group is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2027. However, it is expected that the work group will complete most of its work before then and therefore any costs to the University in FY27 can be absorbed using existing resources.

Overall, the impact to the UW from this measure is under \$50,000.

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	0	9,694	9,694	9,694	0
Total \$			0	9,694	9,694	9,694	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.0	0.0	0.0	
A-Salaries and Wages		7,907	7,907	7,907	
B-Employee Benefits		1,787	1,787	1,787	
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	9,694	9,694	9,694	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
Professor	263,578		0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total FTEs			0.0	0.0	0.0	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.*

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Part V: New Rule Making Required

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