# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

| **Bill Number:** 1625 HB | **Title:** Back country search & rescue |
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

| Agency Name | 2025-27 | | 2027-29 | | 2029-31 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | GF- State | Total | GF- State | Total | 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 Operating Expenditures

| Agency Name | 2025-27 | | | | 2027-29 | | | | 2029-31 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FTEs | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total | FTEs | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total | FTEs | GF-State | NGF-Outlook | Total |
| Office of the Secretary of State | .0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Military Department | 1.0 | 269,646 | 269,646 | 269,646 | 1.0 | 263,966 | 263,966 | 263,966 | 1.0 | 263,966 | 263,966 | 263,966 |
| **Total $** | **1.0** | **269,646** | **269,646** | **269,646** | **1.0** | **263,966** | **263,966** | **263,966** | **1.0** | **263,966** | **263,966** | **263,966** |

| Agency Name | 2025-27 | | | 2027-29 | | | 2029-31 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 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 | 2025-27 | | | 2027-29 | | | 2029-31 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FTEs | Bonds | Total | FTEs | Bonds | Total | FTEs | Bonds | Total |
| Office of the Secretary of State | .0 | 0 | 0 | .0 | 0 | 0 | .0 | 0 | 0 |
| Military Department | .0 | 0 | 0 | .0 | 0 | 0 | .0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total $** | **0.0** | **0** | **0** | **0.0** | **0** | **0** | **0.0** | **0** | **0** |

| Agency Name | 2025-27 | | | 2027-29 | | | 2029-31 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 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 Breakout

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| **Prepared by:** Gwen Stamey, OFM | **Phone:** (360) 790-1166 | **Date Published:** Final 2/ 3/2025 |

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FNS029 Multi Agency rollup

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

| Bill Number: 1625 HB | Title: Back country search & rescue | Agency: 085-Office of the Secretary of State |
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## Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**
NONE

**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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| Agency Preparation: | Bonnie Luntzel | Phone: 360-704-5262 | Date: 01/30/2025 |
| Agency Approval: | Tim Gallivan | Phone: (360) 763-2044 | Date: 01/30/2025 |
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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.*

The Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the current workloads, therefore, no fiscal impact to OSOS.

House Bill 1625 does not require OSOS to alter existing processes, develop new systems, or allocate additional resources. The agency assumes that the intent of the bill is not to establish a searchable database of Back Country Search and Rescue Organizations, but rather that any necessary verification will be limited to checking the current system for an active Nonprofit Corporation Registration. Based on this assumption, no modifications to the Corporations and Charities Filing System are required, and the bill does not create new administrative or operational requirements for the agency.

**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.*

No Impact.

**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.*

No Impact.

## 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

No Impact.

## 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: 1625 HB | Title: Back country search & rescue | Agency: 245-Military Department |
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## Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

| | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 | 2029-31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FTE Staff Years | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| **Account** | | | | | |
| General Fund-State 001-1 | 137,663 | 131,983 | 269,646 | 263,966 | 263,966 |
| **Total $** | 137,663 | 131,983 | 269,646 | 263,966 | 263,966 |

**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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☐ 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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| Legislative Contact: | Martha Wehling | Phone: 360-786-7067 | Date: 01/27/2025 |
| Agency Preparation: | Serina Roberts | Phone: 2535127388 | Date: 01/31/2025 |
| Agency Approval: | Regan Hesse | Phone: 253-512-7498 | Date: 01/31/2025 |
| OFM Review: | Gwen Stamey | Phone: (360) 790-1166 | Date: 01/31/2025 |

# 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.*

The New Section (Sec. 3) this bill proposes to add to 38.52 establishes a new back country search and rescue grant program, and directs the department to administer it. A new Back Country Search and Rescue Account is created in the treasury, subject to appropriation, which can receive donations. Search and rescue organizations engaged in back country search and rescue and political subdivisions which budget for or incur costs related to back country search and rescue not reimbursable through other mechanisms may receive funds from this grant program, subject to availability of funds appropriated for this purpose.

The department currently does not have a search and rescue grant program nor does it have the personnel to perform the workload anticipated to establish, implement, and manage the grant program. The work needed to implement the grant program as directed includes developing grant requirements and prioritization scheme, developing forms for requests/proposals for funding, coordinating with partners in the search and rescue community to develop and scope the program, training and outreach to eligible recipients regarding grant eligibility and processes, contracting with awardees, tracking deliverables, managing billing and reimbursements, and providing technical assistance to awardees.

**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.*

The military department expenditures necessary to implement this legislation are primarily comprised of staff salary and benefits for a Search and Rescue Grant Coordinator (EMPS-2). This would be a total of 1 FTE of staff beginning in SFY 26. Other included costs are agency indirect costs (at 15%), Goods and services for employee workstation equipment and standard employee costs (estimated at $5,000 per FTE), and travel (estimated at 4x trips in-state per SFY, 3 days and 2 nights at highest in-state per diem rates) to support delivery of related outreach, training, and meetings as needed. A detailed description of estimated costs is provided in section III. A summary of estimated costs and assumptions is provided below.

# Part III: Expenditure Detail

**III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures**

| Account | Account Title | Type | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 | 2029-31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 001-1 | General Fund | State | 137,663 | 131,983 | 269,646 | 263,966 | 263,966 |
| | | **Total $** | 137,663 | 131,983 | 269,646 | 263,966 | 263,966 |

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

| | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 | 2029-31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FTE Staff Years | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| A-Salaries and Wages | 72,924 | 72,924 | 145,848 | 145,848 | 145,848 |
| B-Employee Benefits | 35,004 | 35,004 | 70,008 | 70,008 | 70,008 |
| C-Professional Service Contracts | | | | | |
| E-Goods and Other Services | 5,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| G-Travel | 3,254 | 3,254 | 6,508 | 6,508 | 6,508 |
| J-Capital Outlays | 5,000 | | 5,000 | | |
| M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers | | | | | |
| N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services | | | | | |
| P-Debt Service | | | | | |
| S-Interagency Reimbursements | | | | | |
| T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements | 16,481 | 15,801 | 32,282 | 31,602 | 31,602 |
| 9- | | | | | |
| **Total $** | 137,663 | 131,983 | 269,646 | 263,966 | 263,966 |

**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 2026 | FY 2027 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 | 2029-31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emergency Management Program Specialist 2 | 72,924 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| **Total FTEs** | | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |

**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.*

The bill provides that the department may adopt rules but does not require it.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

| **Bill Number:** 1625 HB | **Title:** Back country search & rescue |
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## Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

### Legislation Impacts:

[X] Cities: Indeterminate revenue from potential back country search and rescue grants; costs associated with grant application.

[X] Counties: Same as above.

[ ] Special Districts:

[ ] Specific jurisdictions only:

[ ] Variance occurs due to:

## Part II: Estimates

[ ] No fiscal impacts.

[ ] Expenditures represent one-time costs:

[X] Legislation provides local option: Local governments may choose to apply for back coutry search and rescue grants.

[X] Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Grant funds available; number of applications from local governments

**Estimated revenue impacts to:**

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

**Estimated expenditure impacts to:**

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

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

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| Leg. Committee Contact: Martha Wehling | Phone: 360-786-7067 | Date: 01/27/2025 |
| Agency Approval: Allan Johnson | Phone: 360-725-5033 | Date: 01/27/2025 |
| OFM Review: Gwen Stamey | Phone: (360) 790-1166 | Date: 01/27/2025 |

## Part IV: Analysis

### A. SUMMARY OF BILL

*Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.*

Sec. 1 amends RCW 38.52.010. "Back country search and rescue" is a subset of search and rescue and includes locating lost, injured, or deceased persons in remote areas. "Search and rescue organization" means a Washington domestic nonprofit corporation or a group of emergency workers recognized by and working with the local director, whose primary purpose is search and rescue, has its principal place of business established in a political subdivision of the state of Washington, and is formally recognized by the local emergency management organization of that political subdivision as being available for participation in search and rescue activities consistent with RCW 38.52.400.

Sec. 3 adds a new section to RCW 38.52. Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the back country search and rescue grant program is established. The back country search and rescue account is created in the state treasury. Expenditures from the account may only be used by the State Military Department to provide grants to: (a) Search and rescue organizations for anticipated and incurred back country search and rescue costs by search and rescue volunteers, including planning, equipment, training, exercise, and operations; and (b) Political subdivisions which incur or budget for costs related to back country search and rescue operations that are not available for reimbursement through another mechanism.

### 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 indeterminate expenditure impacts for local governments. Local governments which apply for back country search and rescue grants would incur costs associated with the application process, including staff time, legal consultation, and city council or county commissioners' approval. These costs cannot be estimated at this time.

### 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 result in indeterminate revenue for local governments.

Cities and counties would be eligible to receive grants for costs related to back country search and rescue efforts that are not available for reimbursement through another mechanism. There is no information about the amount of grant funds available, or how often local governments would seek to apply for funding.

SOURCES:
Local Government fiscal note for HB 2257, 2024