Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 6312 SB	**Title:** Retail pricing

Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outloo	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of Attorney General	1.7	615,000	615,000	615,000	.5	141,000	141,000	141,000	.0	0	0	0
Department of Commerce	.1	175,615	175,615	175,615	.2	361,230	361,230	361,230	.0	0	0	0
Total $	**1.8**	**790,615**	**790,615**	**790,615**	**0.7**	**502,230**	**502,230**	**502,230**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total $	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6312 SB	Title: Retail pricing	Agency: 100-Office of Attorney General

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	0.0	3.3	1.7	0.5	0.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	615,000	615,000	141,000	0
Total $	0	615,000	615,000	141,000	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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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 – New Section. Legislative findings.

Section 2 – New Section. Definitions.

Section 3 – New Section. Requires persons to clearly post the price of goods in a retail location and prohibits the use of surveillance-based price discrimination and surge pricing to modify the price of consumer goods.

Section 4 – New Section. Prohibits the use of an electronic shelf label system in retail locations 15,000 square feet or larger until January 1, 2030.

Section 5 – New Section. Finding that the practices covered by this chapter vitally affect the public interest under the Consumer Protection Act (CPA). Violations are also unfair or deceptive acts in trade or commerce and an unfair method of competition under the CPA.

Section 6 – New Section. Chapter known as the "fair pricing and transparency act."

Section 7 – New Section. Sections 2 through 6 are a new chapter under Title 19 RCW.

Section 8 – New Section. Requires the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to study the use of electronic shelf label systems and the impact of such systems on price transparency and employee job security. Requires Commerce to submit a report to the legislature of its findings and recommendations by June 30, 2029.

This bill is assumed effective 90 days after the end of the 2026 legislative session.

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.

None. The Attorney General's Office (AGO) Consumer Protection Division (CPR) activities require General Fund-State. CPR enforces the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) against entities who violate RCW 19.86.020, which broadly prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in trade or commerce. CPR's focus is on holding businesses and individuals accountable for conduct that misleads consumers. There is no cash receipt 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.

Attorney General's Office (AGO) Agency Assumptions:

This bill is assumed effective 90 days after the end of the 2026 legislative session.

Location of staffing is assumed to be in a King County 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. The Management Analyst 5 FTE (MA) is used as a

representative classification. An example ratio is for every 1.0 Assistant Attorney General FTE (AAG), the AGO includes 0.5 Paralegal 1 FTE (PL1) and 0.4 MA.

1. The AGO Agriculture & Health Division (AHD) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Department of Commerce (Commerce). New legal services are nominal, and costs are not included in this request.

2. Assumptions for the AGO Consumer Protection Division (CPR) Legal Services:

The AGO's Consumer Protection Division (CPR) activities require General Fund-State. CPR enforces the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) against entities who violate RCW 19.86.020, which broadly prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in trade or commerce. CPR's focus is on holding businesses and individuals accountable for conduct that misleads consumers.

CPR assumes that enforcement activity in FY 2027 will involve opening one to two new investigations and filing one lawsuit. Enforcement activity in FY 2028 will involve monitoring for compliance and opening one to two new investigations. Enforcement activity in each FY thereafter, following FY 2028 will reduce to no fiscal impact as industry comes into compliance.

CPR total workload hours:
FY 2026: 0 hours
FY 2027: 2,250 AAG hours, 900 Investigator FTE (INV) hours, and 450 Paralegal 2 FTE (PL2)
FY 2028: 450 AAG hours, 450 INV hours, and 180 PL2 hours
FY 2029 and in each FY thereafter: 0 hours

CPR total King County workload impact:
FY 2026: $0
FY 2027: $615,000 for 1.3 AAG, 0.5 INV, 0.3 PL2, and 0.7 PL1, which includes direct litigation costs of $113,000
FY 2028: $141,000 for 0.3 AAG, 0.3 INV, 0.1 PL2, and 0.2 PL1, which includes direct litigation costs of $21,000
FY 2029 and in each FY thereafter: $0

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	0	615,000	615,000	141,000	0
		Total $	0	615,000	615,000	141,000	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years		3.3	1.7	0.5	
A-Salaries and Wages		354,000	354,000	84,000	
B-Employee Benefits		92,000	92,000	22,000	
C-Professional Service Contracts		100,000	100,000	20,000	
E-Goods and Other Services		66,000	66,000	14,000	
G-Travel		3,000	3,000	1,000	
Total $	0	615,000	615,000	141,000	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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Assistant Attorney General King County	143,741		1.3	0.7	0.2	
Management Analyst 5	98,040		0.5	0.3	0.1	
Paralegal 1 King County	76,944		0.7	0.4	0.1	
Paralegal 2 King County	84,864		0.3	0.2	0.1	
Senior Investigator King County	111,408		0.5	0.3	0.2	
Total FTEs			3.3	1.7	0.5	0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Consumer Protection Division (CPR)		615,000	615,000	141,000	
Total $		615,000	615,000	141,000	

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.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6312 SB	Title: Retail pricing	Agency: 103-Department of Commerce

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	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	175,615	175,615	361,230	0
Total $	0	175,615	175,615	361,230	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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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.

SB 6312 establishes a ban on surveillance-based price discrimination and surge pricing and establish a four-year moratorium on the use of electronic shelf label systems in retail grocery locations to allow further study of the impact on pricing transparency and employee job security.

Section 8 creates a requirement for a study on the impact of electric shelf label systems and the impact of such systems on pricing transparency and employee job security. The Department of Commerce will conduct a study on the use of electronic shelf label systems and their impact on pricing transparency and employee job security.

Commerce will submit a report to the legislature with findings and recommendations by June 30, 2029.

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 cash receipts.

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.

Section 8 adds a new section to RCW 43.330 requiring the Department of Commerce (department) to complete the following:

Section 8(1) – Charges the department with conducting a study regarding the impacts of electric shelf label systems and providing recommendations to the legislature by June 30, 2029. The agency assumes there will be multi-year costs in consulting with an entity to conduct the data research, system analysis and ultimate recommendations set in a legislative report. The study will also be supported through internal subject matter expertise by the Office of Economic Development and Competitiveness Economy Lead.

The Knowledge Economy Lead is a strategic role within the Industry Sector Development Program focused on advancing Washington State's leadership in global health, life sciences, and information and communication technology (ICT). The primary purpose of this position is to develop, coordinate, and implement initiatives that strengthen key knowledge-based industry sectors and ensure Washington's global competitiveness in health innovation, biotech, digital health, software, and advanced computing.

Consulting Assumption:

Section 8(1)
The department assumes $350,000 of service contracts over three fiscal years to provide data driven analysis in alignment with sections 2 and 3 of this act. Develop recommendations regarding pricing transparency and employee job security. And, draft the legislative report with it findings. Service contracts are estimated at 100K in FY 27, 100K in FY 28 and 150K in FY 29.

Office of Economic Development and Competitiveness (OEDC) Staffing Assumptions:

0.2 FTE Commerce Specialist 3, FY27-29 to manage service procurement and contract management duties related to the development of the electronic shelf label systems study. This includes managing post-award contract requirements as it

relates to disbursement of state funds.

OEDC Translation Services:

The Department assumes $40,000 in FY27 and every 2 years thereafter to translate outreach materials into 20 languages and verified by first language speakers ahead of program launch.

Total Cost Summary:

Salaries and Benefits
FY27: $26,283
FY28: $26,283
FY29: $26,283

Contracts
FY27: $100,000
FY28: $100,000
FY29: $150,000

Goods and Services
FY27: $41,000
FY28: $1,000
FY29: $41,000
Includes 40,000 of translation services every two years starting in 2027.

Intra-agency Reimbursement
FY27: $8,332
FY28: $8,332
FY29: $8,332

Total Costs
FY27: $175,615
FY28: $135,615
FY29: $225,615

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	0	175,615	175,615	361,230	0
		Total $	0	175,615	175,615	361,230	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years		0.2	0.1	0.2	
A-Salaries and Wages		17,759	17,759	35,518	
B-Employee Benefits		8,524	8,524	17,048	
C-Professional Service Contracts		100,000	100,000	250,000	
E-Goods and Other Services		41,000	41,000	42,000	
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		8,332	8,332	16,664	
9-					
Total $	0	175,615	175,615	361,230	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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Commerce Specialist 3	88,789		0.2	0.1	0.2	
Total FTEs			0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Office of Economic Development and Competitiveness (700)		175,615	175,615	361,230	
Total $		175,615	175,615	361,230	

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.