

ESSB 5998 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-3714.1/26) **2102**

By Representative Griffey

NOT ADOPTED 02/28/2026

1 On page 12, line 4, decrease the general fund-state appropriation
2 for fiscal year 2027 by \$2,045,000

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4 On page 12, line 10, correct the total.

EFFECT: Removes ongoing funding provided to the Office of Public Defense to reduce caseloads limits for contracted defense attorneys who represent indigent clients on appeal to the Washington Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Also eliminates funding for 1 FTE to assist with administering the appellate contracts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Reduces General Fund - State by \$2,045,000.

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT:

Decreases General Fund - State by \$9.9 million.

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