

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6056 SB	Title: Animal massage therapists	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

FUND	FY 2006	FY 2007	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1		51,800	51,800	103,600	103,600
Total \$		51,800	51,800	103,600	103,600

Estimated Expenditures from:

	FY 2006	FY 2007	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
FTE Staff Years	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4
Fund					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	63,000	44,000	107,000	76,000	76,000
Total \$	63,000	44,000	107,000	76,000	76,000

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

Briefly describe, by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

This bill creates a newly regulated health profession relating to the certification of animal massage therapists which would require new rules, new forms, and new fees. This new profession would be governed by the uniform disciplinary act. It adds a definition of “animal massage therapist” and the services an individual may provide. It also lists the exemptions for those who perform animal massage in compliance with the veterinary law and the massage therapy law.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Revenue would be generated from fees collected to offset expenditures for this new program. Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) estimates that 1,000 initial applications would be received in FY07. This is based on discussions with animal massage schools and representatives of licensees. For fiscal note purposes HPQA is estimating that the number of licensees would remain constant at 1,500 by FY10.

There is no effective date written on the bill, so for fiscal note purposes it is assumed that rules would be developed in FY06 and fees would be in place starting in FY07.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Sections 1-10: In FY06 there would be one-time costs for rulemaking. Two stakeholder meetings would be held in Tumwater relating to this new certification. It is assumed that the Massage Board would be involved in rule development given their familiarity with the practice of massage therapy. Costs would include staff and associated costs, board member time, Attorney General (AG) time, travel, printing and postage. Staff would include a .05 FTE Executive Director (WMS 3), .06 FTE Health Services Consultant 4, .10 FTE Health Services Consultant 3, .15 FTE Health Services Consultant 1, .10 FTE Office Assistant Senior, and .03 FTE Board Member time.

There would be one-time startup costs in FY06 to draft and distribute new applications to all parties interested in Animal Massage. There would be costs associated with adding the new profession to the HPQA licensing system. This would require staff and associated costs, printing and postage. Staff would include a .05 FTE Health Services Consultant 3, .05 FTE Health Services Consultant 1, and .05 FTE Information Technology Applications Specialist 4.

HPQA has spoken with animal massage schools and representatives of licensees to develop an estimate of potential applicants and expects to receive 1,000 initial applications in FY07. HPQA is estimating that 30 of these applications will result in positive background checks, which requires investigation. This is based on past experience with other new professions. One-time costs in FY07 related to this work would require staff and associated costs, travel, printing and postage. Staff would include a .05 FTE Health Services Consultant 3, .05 FTE Health Services Consultant 1, .29 FTE Office Assistant Senior, .05 Secretary Senior, .06 FTE Health Care Investigator 2, and .02 FTE Hearings Examiner 3.

HPQA is estimating there would be 250 additional new applications in both FY08 and FY09. It is assumed that it would take two additional years for the public to become fully aware of this profession, therefore HPQA is estimating the number of new applicants in FY08 and FY09 to be higher than normal for a profession of this size. For fiscal note purposes HPQA assumes the total number of licensees to level off at 1,500 by FY10. Starting in FY08 there would be ongoing costs to process all new and renewal applications which would require staff and associated costs, printing and postage. Staff would include a .05 FTE Health Services Consultant 3, .07 FTE Health Services Consultant 1, .15 Office Assistant Senior and .02 FTE Secretary Senior.

HPQA is estimating 15 complaints per year involving animal massage practitioners and that five (5) of these complaints would result in charges. This is based on past experience with other professions. Ongoing disciplinary costs, starting in FY08, would require staff and associated costs, AG time, and travel. Staff would include a .08 FTE Health Care Investigator 2 and a .05 FTE Hearings Examiner 3.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2006	FY 2007	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
FTE Staff Years	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4
A-Salaries & Wages	29,000	19,000	48,000	36,000	36,000
B-Employee Benefits	6,000	4,000	10,000	8,000	8,000
C-Personal Serv Contr					
E-Goods and Services	26,000	20,000	46,000	30,000	30,000
G-Travel	1,000		1,000		
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursement					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total:	\$63,000	\$44,000	\$107,000	\$76,000	\$76,000

III. B - 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 2006	FY 2007	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
Board Member	13,000	0.0		0.0		
Executive Director	67,200	0.1		0.0		
Health Care Investigator 2	50,592		0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hearings Examiner 3	63,192		0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Hlth Services Consultant 1	38,580	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hlth Services Consultant 3	53,136	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hlth Services Consultant 4	58,656	0.1		0.0		
Info Tech Appl Specialist 4	57,252	0.1		0.0		
Office Asst Senior	29,616	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Secretary Senior	31,032		0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total FTE's		0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4

III. C - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2006	FY 2007	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
Hlth Systems Quality Assurance (060)	56,000	39,000	95,000	68,000	68,000
Administration (090)	7,000	5,000	12,000	8,000	8,000
Total \$	63,000	44,000	107,000	76,000	76,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Sections 1-10: Rulemaking would be required to establish animal massage as a newly regulated health profession.