

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5829 SB	Title: Nursing technicians	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

FUND	FY 2004	FY 2005	2003-05	2005-07	2007-09
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1		28,600	28,600	57,200	57,200
Total \$		28,600	28,600	57,200	57,200

Estimated Expenditures from:

	FY 2004	FY 2005	2003-05	2005-07	2007-09
FTE Staff Years	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
Fund					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	48,000	19,000	67,000	38,000	38,000
Total \$	48,000	19,000	67,000	38,000	38,000

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 requires registration of nursing technicians and brings them under the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA). Employers of nurse techs will have to verify that the nurse techs are students, advise Department of Health (DOH) and the school of any practice related actions, and cannot allow nurse techs to work beyond their education and training.

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.

Sections 1-8: Revenue will be generated from fees collected to offset expenditures for this program since this legislation creates a new type of registration for nursing technicians. Rules will be developed requiring a registration fee, which will fully reimburse the costs of managing this program. These would be ongoing functions and Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) is assuming rules will be in place and fees would begin to be collected in FY05. The fee amount is calculated to recover six years of costs over a five-year period.

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 1-8: HPQA will have the authority to register nursing technicians. They are estimating a total of 230 applicants based on the number of nursing technicians utilized in 2002 by different facilities. HPQA is assuming that the work to begin establishing this new program will begin on July 1, 2003. Rulemaking would be a one-time cost in FY04 and would include staff time, Commission time, Attorney General (AG) time, meeting room rentals, travel, printing and postage. Other one-time costs in FY04 would include adding this registration to the licensing and disciplinary tracking systems. Total staff required in FY04 include .04 FTE Information Technology Applications Specialist 4, .02 FTE Health Services Consultant 4, .06 FTE Executive Director, .10 FTE Health Services Consultant 3, .08 FTE Administrative Assistant 2, and .10 FTE Office Assistant Senior.

Ongoing costs, starting in FY05, would be required to manage the program (registration and renewal). Even though this legislation states that the profession will be under the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA), HPQA is estimating very few disciplinary actions. Costs would include staff time, Commission time, AG time, travel, printing and postage. FTEs required would include .02 FTE Information Technology Applications Specialist 4, .07 FTE Health Services Consultant 3, .03 FTE Administrative Assistant 2, .05 Office Assistant Senior, .02 FTE Hearings Examiner 3 and .03 Health Care Investigator 2.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2004	FY 2005	2003-05	2005-07	2007-09
FTE Staff Years	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
A-Salaries & Wages	26,000	11,000	37,000	22,000	22,000
B-Employee Benefits	5,000	2,000	7,000	4,000	4,000
C-Personal Serv Contr					
E-Goods and Services	13,000	5,000	18,000	10,000	10,000
G-Travel	3,000	1,000	4,000	2,000	2,000
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		
Total:	\$48,000	\$19,000	\$67,000	\$38,000	\$38,000

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 2004	FY 2005	2003-05	2005-07	2007-09
Admin Asst 2	32,544	0.1	0.0	0.1		
Board Member	65,000	0.1		0.1		
Executive Director	69,756	0.1				
Hearings Examiner 3	63,192		0.0			
Hlth Care Investigator 2	50,592		0.0			
Hlth Svs Consultant 3	53,136	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hlth Svs Consultant 4	58,656	0.0				
Info Tech Appl Specialist 4	57,252	0.0	0.0			
Office Asst Senior	29,616	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTE's		0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2

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 1-8: Add sections to RCW 18.79 relating to nursing technicians, and allows the Nursing Commission to adopt rules to implement this act. Also allows the secretary to establish by rule the procedural requirements and fees for renewal of the registration. Amends the UDA (RCW 18.130.040) to include nursing technicians.