

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5181 SB	Title: Medical assistants	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Account					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	53,000	0	53,000	0	0
Total \$	53,000	0	53,000	0	0

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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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: Amends RCW 18.360.010 (Definitions) to exclude from supervision requirements administering vaccines, obtaining specimens for diagnostic testing, and performing diagnostic testing.

Section 3: Amends RCW 18.360.050 (Authorized duties) to include among the duties that may be performed by a medical assistant-registered, when delegated and supervised by a health care practitioner, diagnostic testing and electrocardiography and administering medications, under certain conditions. The administration of medications must be consistent with rules adopted by the department, and the department may, by rule, further limit the drugs that may be administered. The section also allows the department to set minimum standards for medical assistant-registered to meet in order to administer intramuscular injections.

Section 4: Sets an immediate effective date for the act.

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.

Current law RCW 43.70.250 (License fees for professions, occupations, and businesses) requires the department to charge a fee to generate sufficient revenue to fully support the costs of administering its medical assistant licensing activities. The department does not anticipate the need to increase licensing fees to support the changes proposed in this bill. The department will monitor all program fund balances and adjust fees over a six (6) year period to ensure that fees are sufficient to cover all program expenditures.

As of July 1, 2022, the Medical Assistant program has sufficient fund balance to cover the costs to implement this bill.

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.

Sections 1 and 3: The department will adopt rules to update supervision requirement language for administering vaccines and set minimum standards for medical assistant-registered administering drugs. The department anticipates utilizing a team of subject matter experts to implement this bill. This team will consist of the program manager and a community engagement specialist to reach disadvantaged communities and engage them in the rulemaking process. Based on the department's experience with other rules setting minimum standards and administration of drugs, the department anticipates rulemaking to be complex. Complex rulemaking will require a rules project coordinator to support subject matter experts and ensure timely completion of rulemaking. This process will include two stakeholder meetings as well as one formal rules hearing, all held virtually, and will take approximately 12 months to complete. The department anticipates providing the rules hearing announcement and materials in both English and Spanish and providing ASL and Spanish interpretation services at the rules hearing.

Costs include staff, associated expenses (including goods and services, travel, intra-agency, and indirect charges), and Office of Attorney General support in the amount of \$5,000.

FY 2024 one-time costs will be 0.4 FTE and \$53,000.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
02G-1	Health Professions Account	State	53,000	0	53,000	0	0
Total \$			53,000	0	53,000	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.4		0.2		
A-Salaries and Wages	32,000		32,000		
B-Employee Benefits	12,000		12,000		
C-Professional Service Contracts	1,000		1,000		
E-Goods and Other Services	6,000		6,000		
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	2,000		2,000		
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Total \$		53,000	0	53,000	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 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 4	82,896	0.2		0.1		
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 5	91,524	0.2		0.1		
Total FTEs		0.4		0.2		0.0

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 department will adopt rules in 246-827 WAC as necessary to implement this bill.