

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 1255 HB	Title: Health care prof. SUD prg.	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	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	29,000	110,000	139,000	74,000	74,000
Total \$	29,000	110,000	139,000	74,000	74,000

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.

REVISED to include Health Technology Solutions (HTS) costs with regard to the Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization System (HELMS)

Section 1 directs the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) to adopt rules limiting the websites on which enforcement action information can be posted regarding members in the substance use disorder monitoring program, Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS), and establish a stipend program to defray the expenses of participation in the program.

The commission shall establish the stipend program no later than July 1, 2024.

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.

It is anticipated the funding for this program would come from General Fund – State appropriation so current law RCW 43.70.250 (License fees for professions, occupations, and businesses) requiring the department to charge a fee to generate sufficient revenue to fully support the costs of administering its Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission licensing activities would not apply.

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.

Rulemaking

Section 1: This bill requires the NCQAC to update the rules limiting what information is posted to the websites under their or the department's control and establishing a stipend program to defray the costs to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

The NCQAC 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 identify underreached communities and engage them in the rulemaking process. This process will include two meetings with interested parties as well as one formal rules hearing, all held virtually, and will take approximately 12 months to complete. The NCQAC 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 \$4,000.

FY 2024 one-time costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (GF-S).

Health Technology Solutions (HTS)

Configuration in department's Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization System will require 320 hours from the integration vendor at a rate of \$262.50 per hour. Work will include the initial vendor configuration and agency staff time

for ongoing maintenance of the external provider credential search function and open data.

FY 2025: One-time costs will be \$85,000 (GF-S)
 FY 2026 and beyond: 0.1 FTE and \$12,000 per fiscal year (GF-S)

Stipend Implementation

The NCQAC anticipates the cost-of-service reimbursements to be approximately \$25,000 in the first fiscal year after the program starts. This amount is based on similar ad hoc actions that currently cover expenses for tests and other one-time expenses approved by the Substance Use Disorder Review Panel (SUDRP) for licensees with a demonstrated need for assistance to participate in the WHPS program. Future expense requests will be based on the data gathered during the first fiscal year of implementation.

FY 2025 and beyond: \$25,000 (GF-S)

Total to implement this bill:
 FY 2024: 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (GF-S)
 FY 2025: \$110,000 (GF-S)
 FY 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter: 0.1 FTE and \$37,000 (GF-S)

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	29,000	110,000	139,000	74,000	74,000
Total \$			29,000	110,000	139,000	74,000	74,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.2		0.1	0.1	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages	16,000		16,000	18,000	18,000
B-Employee Benefits	6,000		6,000	4,000	4,000
C-Professional Service Contracts	1,000	109,000	110,000	50,000	50,000
E-Goods and Other Services	5,000	1,000	6,000	2,000	2,000
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	1,000		1,000		
Total \$	29,000	110,000	139,000	74,000	74,000

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 CONSULTAN 4	82,896	0.2		0.1		
IT DATA MANAGEMENT - SENIOR/SPECIALIST	110,292				0.1	0.1
Total FTEs		0.2		0.1	0.1	0.1

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 NCQAC will adopt rules in WAC 246-840 (Practical and Registered Nursing) and as necessary to implement this bill.