

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 1255 S HB	<b>Title:</b> Health care prof. SUD prg.	<b>Agency:</b> 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	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State      001-1	29,000	124,000	153,000	102,000	102,000
<b>Total \$</b>	29,000	124,000	153,000	102,000	102,000

### 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.*

This bill adds language to section 1 putting restrictions on the amounts available to participants and requiring the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to publish a web report on program usage statistics. The fiscal impact has changed from the previous fiscal note (FN23-048) on House Bill 1255.

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. Additionally, this section puts restrictions on the amounts available to participants and requires NQCAC to publish a web report on program usage statistics.

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

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)

**Reporting**

The NCQAC is required to report the number of participants, the average total paid, the aggregate amount paid (biennium to date assumed), and the amount available for future payments. Part of a Data and Communications Consultant’s time will be needed to collect, aggregate, and maintain the data and post the information to the website.

FY 2025 and ongoing, costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$14,000 (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: 0.1 FTE and \$124,000 (GF-S)  
 FY 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter: 0.2 FTE and \$51,000 (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	124,000	153,000	102,000	102,000
<b>Total \$</b>			29,000	124,000	153,000	102,000	102,000

**III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
A-Salaries and Wages	16,000	10,000	26,000	38,000	38,000
B-Employee Benefits	6,000	3,000	9,000	10,000	10,000
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	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Total \$</b>	29,000	124,000	153,000	102,000	102,000

**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
COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT 4	75,120		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
DATA CONSULTANT 4	78,900				0.1	0.1
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 4	82,896	0.2		0.1		
<b>Total FTEs</b>		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2

**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.