

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5555 2S SB AMH HCW H1801.1	Title: Certified peer specialists
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Washington State Health Care Authority	0	0	2,070,000	0	0	1,220,000	0	0	1,220,000
Department of Health	0	0	0	0	0	542,000	0	0	303,000
Total \$	0	0	2,070,000	0	0	1,762,000	0	0	1,523,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Washington State Health Care Authority	5.2	7,185,000	7,185,000	9,255,000	5.2	3,836,000	3,836,000	5,056,000	5.2	3,836,000	3,836,000	5,056,000
Office of Insurance Commissioner	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	9,866	.0	0	0	9,866
Department of Health	3.4	824,000	824,000	824,000	11.1	1,968,000	1,968,000	2,510,000	9.6	1,891,000	1,891,000	2,194,000
Total \$	8.6	8,009,000	8,009,000	10,079,000	16.3	5,804,000	5,804,000	7,575,866	14.8	5,727,000	5,727,000	7,259,866

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Washington State Health Care Authority	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Insurance Commissioner	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Health	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
General Fund-Federal 001-2	1,460,000	610,000	2,070,000	1,220,000	1,220,000
Total \$	1,460,000	610,000	2,070,000	1,220,000	1,220,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	5,267,000	1,918,000	7,185,000	3,836,000	3,836,000
General Fund-Federal 001-2	1,460,000	610,000	2,070,000	1,220,000	1,220,000
Total \$	6,727,000	2,528,000	9,255,000	5,056,000	5,056,000

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:

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- 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.

Please see attached.

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.

Please see attached.

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.

Please see attached.

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	5,267,000	1,918,000	7,185,000	3,836,000	3,836,000
001-2	General Fund	Federal	1,460,000	610,000	2,070,000	1,220,000	1,220,000
Total \$			6,727,000	2,528,000	9,255,000	5,056,000	5,056,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
A-Salaries and Wages	346,000	346,000	692,000	692,000	692,000
B-Employee Benefits	123,000	124,000	247,000	248,000	248,000
C-Professional Service Contracts	6,094,000	1,894,000	7,988,000	3,788,000	3,788,000
E-Goods and Other Services	8,000	8,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	156,000	156,000	312,000	312,000	312,000
9-					
Total \$	6,727,000	2,528,000	9,255,000	5,056,000	5,056,000

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
Fiscal Analyst 3	65,000	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
IT Business Analyst-Journey	101,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Medical Assistance Program Specialist 3	86,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Medical Program Specialist 2	81,000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total FTEs		5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2

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.

HCA Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5555 2SSB Certified Peer Specialists

HCA Request #: 23-173-2

Part II: Narrative Explanation

AN ACT Relating to addressing the behavioral health workforce shortage and expanding access to peer services by creating the profession of certified peer specialists.

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Sec. 14 changes the date that each carrier shall provide access to certified peer specialist and trainees in a manner sufficient to meet the network standards to July 1, 2026.

Sec. 4 – Establishes a certified peer specialist Advisory committee: Department and the Health Care Authority (HCA), are encouraged to advise, assist, and recommend (as appropriate).

Sec. 8(2) HCA shall administer written exams to each applicant to be sure the applicant possesses the minimum skill and knowledge necessary to practice competently.

Sec 8(3) Exam materials, all grading of materials and practical work must be preserved for at least one year after HCA has made and published decisions. Exams must be conducted wholly, fairly and impartially.

Sec. 8(4) Any applicant failing to make the required ‘grade’ in the first written examination may take up to three written exams with a fee amount established by HCA, which must be pre-paid by the applicant. If the fourth attempt of the written exam is failed, HCA may invalidate the original application and require remedial education before allowing further testing.

Sec. 8(5) HCA may approve a written exam prepared or administered by a private organization that credentials and renews credentials for peers or an association – for use by an applicant in meeting the credentialing requirements.

Sec. 11 (1)(a) By January 1, 2025, the authority must develop a course (curriculum) of instruction for certified peer specialists, under chapter 18. ---(new chapter created in section 19 of this act). The course must be 80 hours and based off the current Certified Peer Counselor (CPC) curriculum. Additionally, instruction of recovery coaching & suicide prevention. The authority shall establish peer engagement process to receive suggestions regarding subject to be covered in the 80-hour curriculum (beyond what is already available in the current 40-hour CPC training, Recovery coaching and suicide prevention), including cultural appropriateness. The course may be offered by HCA with the frequency. to accommodate the demand for training to increase and supplement the workforce demands. HCA must establish multiple configurations for offering the training, including offering it as uninterrupted with longer class hours held consecutively, as an extended course with reduced daily class hours, multiple days between classes (to accommodate student with other commitments). Same expectations apply of passing oral and written exams.

Sec. 11(1)(b) HCA shall develop an expedited training of instruction that consists of only those portions of the curriculum required under (a) of this subsection which exceeds the HCA’s current CPC training as it exists on the effective date of this section (Jan. 1, 2025), to meet the education requirements for certification.

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Sec. 11(2) By January 1, 2025, HCA must develop a training for certified peer specialists. providing supervision to certified peer specialist trainees.

Sec. 11(3)(a) By July 1, 2025, HCA shall offer a 40-hour specialized training for crisis response services. (This has already been done for all peers working in Crisis settings as of June 2022) who are working as Peer Crisis Responders and shall incorporate best practices responding to 988 Behavioral Health (BH) crisis line calls as well as co-response with law enforcement.

Sec. 11(4) By July 1, 2025, HCA shall offer a course designed to inform behavioral health organizations of the benefits of incorporating certified peer specialists and certified peer specialist trainees to their staff and the best practices for incorporating these changes. (This is already being done for Providers/Agencies through the Operationalizing Peer Support program technical assistance). HCA shall encourage entities to hire certified peer specialists (and trainees), including licensed or certified behavioral health agencies, hospitals, primary care offices, and other entities and to have appropriate staff attend the training by making it available in multiple formats.

Sec. 11(5)

(a) Hire clerical, administrative, investigative, and other staff as needed to implement this section to serve as practical oral or written examinations and assure examiners are trained to administer exams in a culturally appropriate manner and represent the diversity of applicants being tested. (We have several contractors and subcontractors that are black, indigenous, and people of color, including women and individuals who are LGBTQIA+ - this work is already happening.)

(b) HCA shall adopt procedures to allow for appropriate accommodations for individuals with a learning disability, other disabilities and other needs and assure that staff involved in exams are aware of these procedures. (This is also already happening and has been a part of policy and procedures for a very long time now.)

(c) Prepare, grade, and administer or supervise the grading and administration of written exams for obtaining a certificate.

(d) Approve entities to provide the curriculums required by this section and approve entities to prepare, grade and administer written exams. Establish approval criteria, the authority shall consider recommendations of the WA State Peer specialist advisory committee; and

(e) Develop exam preparation materials, making them available to students enrolled in the training course (in multiple formats), including specialized examination preparation support for students with higher barriers.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

II. B - Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY-2024	FY-2025	FY-2026	FY-2027	FY-2028	FY-2029
General Fund-Medicaid 001-C	1,460,000	610,000	610,000	610,000	610,000	610,000
Totals	\$ 1,460,000	\$ 610,000	\$ 610,000	\$ 610,000	\$ 610,000	\$ 610,000

Currently, HCA uses its federal behavioral health block grants to support existing peer counseling certification activities. However, the majority of the funding for these activities comes from the Covid Enhancement awards which end September 30, 2023, and will result in a cut in funding to the current

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levels of peer counseling certification activities. The block grants would be unable to sustain the additional obligations identified in this fiscal note. Therefore, HCA assumes these costs would need to be covered using primarily state funds with an estimated amount of federal administrative dollars which may fluctuate.

II. C – Expenditures

This proposed bill significantly expands HCA's Peer Support training and certification program.

The total fiscal impact of this bill is:

FY2024: \$6,277,000 (\$4,767,000 GF-State)

FY2025: \$2,278,000 (\$1,668,000 GF-State)

FY2026: \$2,278,000 (\$1,668,000 GF-State)

FY2027: \$2,278,000 (\$1,668,000 GF-State)

FY2028: \$2,278,000 (\$1,668,000 GF-State)

HCA requests several staff to fulfill the needs of this bill.

Administrative Need

Medical Program Specialist (MPS) 2

These staff will have the primary responsibility of developing, issuing, and adjudicating an request for proposal (RFP) to develop and implement new curricula for CORE training (Section 11(1)(a)), expedited training for existing CPC (11(1)(b)), supervisory training (11(2)), and the peer crisis response training (11(3)(a)). These positions will guide the development and will support the curricula after development. They will also coordinate with other new program staff to support the provisions of Section 11(5) to ensure the curricula, examinations, and preparatory materials are coordinated appropriately.

FY2024: 2.0 FTE

FY2025: 2.0 FTE

FY2026: 2.0 FTE

FY2027: 2.0 FTE

FY2028: 2.0 FTE

- **Medical Assistance Program Specialist (MAPS) 3**

These staff will have the primary responsibility of developing, issuing, and adjudicating an RFP to develop and implement new oral and written examination and the corresponding preparatory materials for CORE training, expedited training, supervisory training, and the peer crisis response training. These positions will guide the development and will support the examinations after development. They will also coordinate with other new program staff to ensure the curricula, examinations, and preparatory materials are coordinated appropriately. These positions will need to work with equity and diversity specialists within the agency to ensure the curricula and the examinations include culturally appropriate content and are administered in a manner that accommodates persons with disabilities. After the development of the examinations and preparatory materials, HCA will continue to evolve and maintain the content using feedback from the CPC community and employing providers.

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FY2024: 1.0 FTE
FY2025: 1.0 FTE
FY2026: 1.0 FTE
FY2027: 1.0 FTE
FY2028: 1.0 FTE

- **IT Business Analyst**

HCA expects this bill will drive a growing need to ensure appropriate data is available and exchanged between HCA, DOH, and Behavioral Health Agencies to support this program. This position shall provide the data management and governance needs driven by the bill which include sections 11(1)(b) and 11(3)(b), as well as other sections not entirely directed toward HCA (such as Sections 3, 4, and 6). In addition, this position will support the collection and storage of testing results and the communication of those results to participants and DOH.

FY2024: 1.0 FTE
FY2025: 1.0 FTE
FY2026: 1.0 FTE
FY2027: 1.0 FTE
FY2028: 1.0 FTE

- **Support Staff**

In addition to the roles directly support the provisions of this bill, HCA anticipates there are a number of supporting roles that will be needed. These roles will be supported by an admin rate of \$39,000 per direct FTE and include administrative assistants, fiscal support, contract and procurement specialists, human resource specialists, legal staff, etc.

FY2024: 1.2 FTE
FY2025: 1.2 FTE
FY2026: 1.2 FTE
FY2027: 1.2 FTE
FY2028: 1.2 FTE

FTEs required to support the program requirements are estimated at 5.2 FTE amounting to \$633,000 per FY.

In addition to FTE's HCA anticipates added program costs to include:

- Creation of an 80-hour CPC training one time set up \$250,000:
- Creation of Gap Training & Testing one time set up \$100,000:
- Updating current CPCs to new standards \$3,250,000:
- Cost of training will increase by \$800 to \$1800 per applicant and assuming a 15% increase in applicants equates to \$1,284,000:
- Supervisor Training (40 hours) one time set up \$250,000:
- Ongoing Training of workforce for 180 new applicants totals \$180,000:
- CPC Crisis Training (40 hours) for 180 new applicants totals \$180,000:
- CPC Testing preparation, material development, and training at one time cost of \$100,000.

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Amounts total \$5,594,000 for 1st year and \$1,644,000 for 2nd year on going.

II. C - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY-2024	FY-2025	FY-2026	FY-2027	FY-2028	FY-2029
001-1	General Fund	State	4,767,000	1,668,000	1,668,000	1,668,000	1,668,000	1,668,000
001-C	General Fund	Medicaid	1,460,000	610,000	610,000	610,000	610,000	610,000
Totals			\$ 6,227,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000

II. C - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

		FY-2024	FY-2025	FY-2026	FY-2027	FY-2028	FY-2029
FTE		5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
A	Salaries and Wages	346,000	346,000	346,000	346,000	346,000	346,000
B	Employee Benefits	123,000	124,000	124,000	124,000	124,000	124,000
C	Professional Service Contracts	5,594,000	1,644,000	1,644,000	1,644,000	1,644,000	1,644,000
E	Goods and Other Services	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
T	Intra-Agency Reimbursements	156,000	156,000	156,000	156,000	156,000	156,000
Totals		\$ 6,227,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000	\$ 2,278,000

II. C - Operating FTE Detail: List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation.

Job title	Salary	FY-2024	FY-2025	FY-2026	FY-2027	FY-2028	FY-2029
FISCAL ANALYST 3	65,000	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
IT BUSINESS ANALYST - JOURNEY	101,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST 3	83,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MEDICAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST 2	81,000	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Totals		5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

None

Part V: New Rule Making Require

None

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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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Account					
Insurance Commissioners Regulatory Account-State 138-1	0	0	0	9,866	9,866
Total \$	0	0	0	9,866	9,866

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- 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 7 directs the Department of Health to begin issuing certificates for peer specialists and peer specialist trainees by July 1, 2025.

Section 15 provides that beginning January 1, 2027, a person who engages in the practice of peer support services and who bills a health carrier or whose employer bills a health carrier for those services must hold an active credential as a certified peer specialist or certified peer specialist trainee under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 22 of this act).

Section 16 requires, by July 1, 2026, each carrier to provide access to services provided by certified peer specialists and certified peer specialist trainees in a manner sufficient to meet the network access standards set forth in rules established by the Office of Insurance Commissioner.

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.

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.

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Section 16 requires, by July 1, 2026, each carrier to provide access to services provided by certified peer specialists and certified peer specialist trainees in a manner sufficient to meet the network access standards set forth in rules established by the Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC does not anticipate any rulemaking to implement this bill. The network access rules are designed to add licensure types over time. It is anticipated that health carriers will utilize their approved facility template agreement and participating provider template agreements to add these providers to the networks.

The OIC anticipates that Section 16 will lead to an average of one additional enforcement action per year to address noncompliance of network access standards. Enforcement actions require the equivalent of approximately 40 hours per case requiring 40 hours (1 cases x 40 hours) of an Insurance Enforcement Specialist beginning in FY2026.

Ongoing costs:

Salary, benefits and associated costs for .03 FTE Insurance Enforcement Specialist.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
138-1	Insurance Commissioners Regulatory Account	State	0	0	0	9,866	9,866
Total \$			0	0	0	9,866	9,866

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years				0.0	0.0
A-Salaries and Wages				5,970	5,970
B-Employee Benefits				1,922	1,922
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services				1,974	1,974
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	0	0	9,866	9,866

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
Insurance Enforcement Specialist	99,516				0.0	0.0
Total FTEs					0.0	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.

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IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

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Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1				542,000	303,000
Total \$				542,000	303,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.7	4.1	3.4	11.1	9.6
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	339,000	485,000	824,000	1,968,000	1,891,000
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	0	0	542,000	303,000
Total \$	339,000	485,000	824,000	2,510,000	2,194,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

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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 striker bill adds a new section 5 stating that becoming certified under this chapter is voluntary, adds section 11 requiring the department to provide a report to the legislature, and updates section 21 prohibiting a fee for certified peer specialist trainees and limiting a fee for certified peer specialists at no more than \$100 between July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2030. The department assumes there will be a change in revenue and expenses as a result of these changes.

This bill adds a new chapter to Title 18 RCW (Businesses and Professions) creating the profession of certified peer specialists.

Section 2: Defines the “practice of peer support services” as the provision of interventions by a person in recovery from a mental health condition or substance use disorder, a parent or legal guardian of a youth receiving or has received behavioral health services, or both.

Section 3: Gives the Secretary of Health (secretary) the authority to establish a program for certified peer specialists and certified peer specialist trainees. The department will provide staffing and administrative support to the Peer Specialist Advisory Committee (advisory committee) and assist them with the review of peer counselor apprenticeship program applications.

Section 4: Creates the advisory committee under the department. The advisory committee shall consist of 11 members. The department and the Health Care Authority, as appropriate, must adopt recommendations by the advisory committee on topics related to certified peer specialists. Gives the advisory committee the ability to assist and make recommendations regarding the written and oral examination to become a certified peer specialist, provide advice on long-term planning and growth for the future advancement of the profession as well as recommendations on recruitment and retention in the profession. Additionally, the advisory committee is given the ability to review existing policies related to peer counselors and provide advice on approving additional education, training, and testing entities.

Section 5: Establishes an individual may not use the title certified peer specialist unless the individual holds this credential. Adds beginning on July 1, 2025 the decision of a person practicing peer support services to become certified under this chapter is voluntary.

Section 7: Beginning July 1, 2025 the secretary shall issue a 2-year renewable certificate to engage in the practice of peer support services to any qualified applicant. No person may engage in the practice of peer support services without a certificate issued by the department beginning July 1, 2025.

Section 8: Beginning July 1, 2025 the secretary shall issue a certificate to practice of peer support services as a certified peer specialist trainee to any qualified applicant. This license is valid for one year and may only be renewed four times.

Section 10: The secretary shall establish, by rule, the requirements and fees for renewal of a certificate issued to a peer specialist or peer specialist trainee. Fees must be established in accordance with RCW 43.70.110 and RCW 43.70.250.

Section 11: Requires the department in consultation with the advisory committee to develop a report regarding the peer support specialist credential by December 1, 2027 which includes the adequacy of supervisors available once behavioral health providers are no longer able to supervise, whether that end date should be extended, and recommendations for increasing the number of peer supervisors.

Section 12: Establishes the peer specialist certification program governed under the authority of chapter 18.130 RCW (Uniform disciplinary act).

Section 13: Establishes a person who is a registered agency-affiliated counselor who engages in the practice of peer support services and whose agency bills medical assistance for those services must hold a certificate as a certified peer specialist or certified peer specialist trainee no later than January 1, 2027.

Section 17: Amends RCW 18.130.040 (Regulation of Health Professions - Uniform Disciplinary Act - Application to certain professions - Authority of secretary - Grant or denial of licenses - Procedural rules) adding certified peer specialists and certified peer specialist trainees to the list of professions under the secretary's authority.

Section 19: Amends RCW 18.130.175 (Regulation of Health Professions – Uniform Disciplinary Act – Temporary practice permits – Penalties) adding certified peer specialists, and certified specialist trainees.

Section 21: Amends RCW 43.70.250 stating in no case may the secretary impose any certification, examination, or renewal fee upon a person seeking certification as a certified peer specialist trainee or between July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2030 impose a certification, examination, or renewal fee of more than \$100 upon any person seeking certification as a certified peer specialist under chapter 18.

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, requires that health professions be fully self-supporting and that sufficient revenue is collected through fees to fund expenditures in the Health Professions Account. However, section 21 states in no case may the secretary impose any certification, examination, or renewal fee upon a person seeking certification as a certified peer specialist trainee (CPST) or, between July 1, 2025, and July 1, 2030, impose a certification, examination, or renewal fee of more than \$100 upon any person seeking certification as a certified peer specialist (CPS). As a result of this, the department requires general fund state (GF-S) to cover expenses in excess of revenue collected for this profession.

The department assumes it will receive GF-S for all expenses in excess of revenue received through FY 2028. The department assumes a fee increase for CPS's will be implemented in July 2030 to cover ongoing operating costs of the program. The department assumes the application fee will be between \$325 and \$375 and the renewal fee will be between \$675 and \$725.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- * Revenue collection for the new credentials will begin July 1, 2025 (FY 2026).
- * There are currently at least seven (7) training pathways in Washington state for individuals seeking to become peer counselors in the behavioral health field, including training provided by the Health Care Authority (HCA).
- * Based on section 5, the department assumes 50% or 2,650 of HCA's 5,300 certified peers will apply for the CPS and 50% or 650 of HCA's 1,300 approved certified peer applicants waiting to be trained will apply for the CPST in the first year (FY 2026).
- * The department assumes that those not trained and certified through HCA will be offset by those that are and choose not to seek certification with the department.
- * Based on section 5, the department estimates annual growth of 480 new applications for the CPST, based on 50% of the low end of the average number of new applications received by HCA each month (80-110).
- * The department assumes a 25% renewal rate for trainees as their required 1,000 supervisor hours are likely to be obtained in the first year of certification.
- * Based on the rate of substance use disorder trainees becoming fully certified, the department assumes that 18% of CPST's will apply for the full certification in the year following their certification as a trainee.
- * The Health Care Authority does not believe that Agency Affiliated Counselors (AAC) will be impacted by this bill, therefore the department is not identifying any reduction in revenue for this profession.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-12-020 (3) states the initial credential will expire on the practitioner's birthday, except for faculty or postgraduate education credentials authorized by law. Initial credentials issued within ninety days of the practitioner's birthday do not expire until the practitioner's next birthday. Based on the WAC, the department assumes a standard 25 percent of first-year applications will need to renew their credential in the first year as their birthday will fall outside of ninety days from issuance of initial credential.

Revenue collection for certified peer specialists will start July 1, 2025 and renewals are paid biennially. Based on similar professions, the department assumes a renewal rate of 98.5% for CPS's.

Certified Peer Specialists:

FY 2026: \$331,000 (2,650 applications; 663 renewals)

FY 2027: \$211,000 (150 applications; 1,958 renewals)

FY 2028: \$90,000 (100 applications; 801 renewals)

FY 2029: \$213,000 (100 applications; 2,027 renewals)

FY 2030: \$99,000 (100 applications; 887 renewals)

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.

ASSUMPTIONS:

* The Health Care Authority does not believe that Agency Affiliated Counselors (AAC) will be impacted by this bill, therefore the department is not identifying any reduction in expenses for this profession.

* Due to the estimated size of the program and based on the departments experience with counseling professions, the department assumes that office of customer service staff will be onboarded prior to the anticipated July 1, 2025 effective date to ensure staff are properly trained and equipped.

RULEMAKING

Sections 3, 4, 6, 7, 9: The department will develop and adopt rules to establish the peer specialist certification program, fees, and minimum education and experience requirements. Per the authority of the advisory committee outlined in the bill, the advisory committee will be involved in rulemaking providing recommendations regarding the written and oral examinations, criteria for apprenticeship programs, and all other areas needed to set up the program. Based on the department's experience with rules, the department anticipates rulemaking to be complex and potentially controversial. Rulemaking will require a rules project coordinator to support subject matter experts and ensure timely completion of rulemaking. The department will conduct extensive community engagement to identify and reach out to specific groups that have historically experienced barriers to participation in rulemaking. The process will include six listening sessions and workshops with interested parties in addition to one formal rules hearing, all held virtually, and will take approximately 24 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), the development and publication of a one-pager, interpretive and translation services, and Office of Attorney General support in the amount of \$38,000.

FY 2024, costs will be 0.8 FTE and \$113,000 (GF-S)

FY 2025, costs will be 0.8 FTE and \$114,000 (GF-S)

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

Sections 6 and 7: Implementation of this bill will require the department to modify the Healthcare Enforcement and

Licensing Modernization System (HELMS). Work will include creating two new applications and credentials for the certified peer specialist and certified peer specialist trainee, as well as creating multiple reports, user defined fields, workflows, and database support.

FY 2026 costs will be 0.4 FTE and \$52,000 (GF-S)

FY 2027 and ongoing, costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$15,000 (GF-S)

OFFICE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE (OCS)

Sections 6 and 7: OCS staff will create new certification credentials to be issued for the new credentials certified peer specialist and certified peer specialist trainee. The new credentials will generate additional calls to the call center for assistance with applying for the new credential. The new credential will increase the number of payments processed by the revenue unit and renewals processed by the renewal unit.

FY 2025 costs will be 1.4 FTE and \$150,000 (GF-S)

FY 2026 costs will be 3.9 FTE and \$384,000 (GF-S)

FY 2027 costs will be 0.8 FTE and \$72,000 (GF-S)

FY 2028 costs will be 0.8 FTE and \$77,000 (GF-S)

FY 2029 costs will be 0.8 FTE and \$77,000 (GF-S)

WASHINGTON STATE CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Section 3 and 4: Creates the advisory committee consisting of 11 members. This bill requires the department to adopt committee recommendations. Department staff will recruit, and the secretary will appoint the 11 committee member positions in FY 2023. Costs related to the first 24 months of advisory committee members participating in rulemaking are identified in the rulemaking section above. Once rulemaking is completed, costs for ongoing committee work will start in FY 2026. Committee members will be paid \$50 per day for committee meetings and reimbursed for travel expenses. Due to the board like authority given to the committee, the department assumes the committee will meet every other month either online or in person.

FY 2026 and ongoing, costs will be 0.3 FTE and \$18,000 (GF-S)

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 3 and 4: The department will require a team to support the advisory committee and manage the peer specialist program. Due to the authority given to the advisory committee, the department assumes this team will consist of one full-time program manager, one half-time program support staff member, and time from the executive director and administrative assistant. This team will participate in every meeting, conduct research and analysis, coordinate with the health care authority and other entities as needed, and prepare written advice and recommendations on behalf of the committee for communication. Additional work related to these meetings and general program management will include but are not limited to prepping information related to rules, discipline, public outreach, continuing education, certification requirement, and equity. Work with OCS to develop a new profession webpage, frequently asked questions, fee structure, and all necessary visual and written aids. Work with OCS to develop a new written online application packet. Answer inquires by phone and through e-mail, and ongoing questions regarding continuing education units, renewals and examination requirements.

FY 2024 costs will be 1.9 FTE and \$226,000 (GF-S)

FY 2025 costs will be 1.9 FTE and \$221,000 (GF-S)

FY 2026 and ongoing, costs will be 2.1 FTE and \$240,000 (GF-S)

REPORT WRITING

Section 11: Requires the department, in consultation with the advisory committee, to conduct an assessment and submit a report regarding the peer support specialist credential by December 1, 2027. The department will analyze the adequacy of the supply of certified peer specialists serving as approved supervisors, assess whether or not it is necessary to extend the expiration of behavioral health providers serving as approved supervisors, and provide recommendations for increasing the supply of certified peer specialists serving as approved supervisors. The department will conduct a survey, collect, analyze, and format the data, consult with the advisory committee on recommendations, and develop the report. Staff work related to this report will take place during January 1 and December 31, 2027.

FY 2027 costs will be 0.3 FTE and \$35,000 (GF-S)

FY 2028 costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$28,000 (GF-S)

DISCIPLINE

Sections 10 and 15: Based on the substance use disorder professional program, the department assumes a complaint rate of 4.2% for peer specialists and peer specialist trainees. Based on this complaint rate, the department estimates 168 complaints each year starting in FY 2026.

The complaint response process includes five steps: 1) intake, 2) assessment, 3) investigation, 4) case disposition, and 5) adjudication. Staff review the complaint, identify the history of the person complained about, and help assess whether an investigation is needed. In more than half the cases, investigation is needed. The investigator obtains information about the complaint and the respondent and prepares a report detailing the findings. After investigation, the disciplining authority decides whether to pursue legal action. Staff attorneys, paralegals, assistant attorney general and other staff work to develop the legal documents and charge the violation. Most cases are settled, and the staff attorney manages that process. If the respondent asks for a hearing, staff must schedule the hearing, and the health law judge considers all legal motions, presides over the hearing, and drafts the final order. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will represent the department at hearing and may provide advice throughout the disciplinary process. In coordination with the OAG, the department assumes \$14,000 per year starting in FY 2026.

Assuming the above, cost estimates for the complaint response process associated with this bill were calculated using the department's Disciplinary Workload Staffing Model.

FY 2026 costs will be 5.9 FTE and \$372,000 (GF-S) and \$331,000 (02G)

FY 2027 costs will be 6.2 FTE and \$522,000 (GF-S) and \$211,000 (02G)

FY 2028 costs will be 6.2 FTE and \$643,000 (GF-S) and \$90,000 (02G)

FY 2029 costs will be 6.2 FTE and \$520,000 (GF-S) and \$213,000 (02G)

TOTAL COST TO IMPLEMENT THE PEER SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:

FY 2024: 2.7 FTE and \$339,000 (GF-S)

FY 2025: 4.1 FTE and \$485,000 (GF-S)

FY 2026: 12.5 FTE and \$1,066,000 (GF-S) and \$331,000 (02G)

FY 2027: 9.7 FTE and \$902,000 (GF-S) and \$211,000 (02G)

FY 2028: 9.7 FTE and \$1,021,000 (GF-S) and \$90,000 (02G)

FY 2029: 9.4 FTE and \$870,000 (GF-S) and \$213,000 (02G)

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	339,000	485,000	824,000	1,968,000	1,891,000
02G-1	Health Professions Account	State	0	0	0	542,000	303,000
Total \$			339,000	485,000	824,000	2,510,000	2,194,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.7	4.1	3.4	11.1	9.6
A-Salaries and Wages	181,000	282,000	463,000	1,610,000	1,411,000
B-Employee Benefits	74,000	114,000	188,000	634,000	549,000
E-Goods and Other Services	50,000	56,000	106,000	125,000	111,000
G-Travel	12,000	12,000	24,000	18,000	18,000
J-Capital Outlays	9,000		9,000		
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	13,000	21,000	34,000	123,000	105,000
Total \$	339,000	485,000	824,000	2,510,000	2,194,000

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
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST 3	50,592	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Board Member FTE @ 50 per day		0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
EPIDEMIOLOGIST 2 (NON-MEDICAL)	98,592				0.1	
Fiscal Analyst 2	53,000	0.5	0.7	0.6	1.7	1.5
FISCAL TECHNICIAN 2	43,800				0.2	0.1
FORMS & RECORDS ANALYST 1	45,852				0.4	0.1
HEALTH CARE INVESTIGATOR 3	78,900				2.0	2.0
HEALTH CARE INVESTIGATOR 4	87,144				0.3	0.3
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1	55,872				0.9	0.5
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 2	66,420	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 3	75,120		0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 4	82,896	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Health Svcs Conslt 1	53,000	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.0	1.0
HEARINGS EXAMINER 3	96,156				0.8	0.8
IT APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SENIOR/SPECIALIST	115,824				0.1	
IT BUSINESS ANALYST - JOURNEY	100,032				0.1	
IT DATA MANAGEMENT - SENIOR/SPECIALIST	110,292				0.1	
IT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION - JOURNEY	105,060				0.1	
LEGAL ASSISTANT 3	55,872				0.2	0.2
PARALEGAL 2	71,520				0.1	0.1
WMS02	114,360	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
WMS03	129,336				0.1	0.1
Total FTEs		2.7	4.1	3.4	11.1	9.6

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 Title 246 WAC (Department of Health) as necessary to implement this bill.



Multiple Agency Ten-Year Analysis Summary

Bill Number	Title
5555 2S SB AMH HCW H1801.1	Certified peer specialists

This ten-year analysis is limited to the estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases.

Estimated Cash Receipts

	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	Fiscal Year 2032	Fiscal Year 2033	2024-33 TOTAL
Washington State Health Care Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of Insurance Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Health	0	0	331,000	211,000	90,000	213,000	99,000	1,372,000	670,000	1,414,000	4,400,000
Total	0	0	331,000	211,000	90,000	213,000	99,000	1,372,000	670,000	1,414,000	4,400,000



Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 5555 2S SB AMH HCW H1801.1	Title Certified peer specialists	Agency 107 Washington State Health Care Authority
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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

Estimates

No Cash Receipts **Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts** **Indeterminate Cash Receipts**

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code												
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Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 5555 2S SB AMH HCW H1801.1	Title Certified peer specialists	Agency 160 Office of Insurance Commissioner
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Estimates

No Cash Receipts **Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts** **Indeterminate Cash Receipts**

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code												
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Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 5555 2S SB AMH HCW H1801.1	Title Certified peer specialists	Agency 303 Department of Health
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Estimates

No Cash Receipts

 Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts

 Indeterminate Cash Receipts

Estimated Cash Receipts

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	Fiscal Year 2032	Fiscal Year 2033	2024-33 TOTAL
Certified Peer Specialist	02G			331,000	211,000	90,000	213,000	99,000	1,372,000	670,000	1,414,000	4,400,000
Total				331,000	211,000	90,000	213,000	99,000	1,372,000	670,000	1,414,000	4,400,000
Biennial Totals				542,000		303,000		1,471,000		2,084,000		4,400,000

Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

Current law RCW 43.70.250 requires that the health professions administered by the Department of Health (department) be fully self-supporting and that sufficient revenue collected through fees to fund expenditures in the Health Professions Account. The calculation of specific fees will occur during rulemaking and a fee proposal presented part of the rules package. Revenue collection will begin July 1, 2025. The department estimates 2,650 new applications in the first year of the program, with a 98.5% renew rate, and 150 applications in the second year and 100 thereafter for the peer support specialists. The revenue projections are based on two-year fee of \$100 for FY26 through FY30 and in FY 2031 a fee of \$625 for a peer support specialist. Based on Section 21 of the bill the secretary may not impose a certification, examination, or renewal fee for a certified peer support specialist trainees and between July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2030 impose the same fees for a certified peer specialist of more than \$100.

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