

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1917 HB	Title: Physician assistant compact
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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 Patrol	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Department of Health	0	0	8,000	0	0	54,000	0	0	123,000
Total \$	0	0	8,000	0	0	54,000	0	0	123,000

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 Patrol	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Department of Health	.1	0	0	24,000	.2	0	0	48,000	.2	0	0	48,000
Total \$	0.1	0	0	24,000	0.2	0	0	48,000	0.2	0	0	48,000

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Washington State Patrol	.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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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

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.

The proposed legislation has an indeterminate fiscal impact to the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

Section 3(e) requires states that participate in the compact to fully implement a criminal background check requirement for license applicants.

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.

The cash receipts from the proposed legislation are indeterminate due to the effective date being contingent on the seventh state adopting the legislation.

Whenever the seventh state adopts the legislation and the bill goes into effect, the Department of Health (DOH) is estimating 69 new background checks in the first year, 104 in the second year and 138 annually thereafter.

Assuming electronic submissions, we will charge \$34.25 for background checks. \$11.25 of that fee is passed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), while we retain \$23, leaving total revenue to the Fingerprint Identification Account at \$1,587 in the first year, \$2,392 in the second year, and \$3,174 annually thereafter.

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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Whenever the seventh state adopts the legislation and the bill goes into effect, the DOH is estimating 69 new background checks in the first year, 104 in the second year and 138 annually thereafter. The increased workload from these background checks will take 0.01 FTEs of a Fingerprint Technician 2 in the first year and 0.02 each year thereafter. Based on estimated FY25 pay ranges, the costs associated total \$1,282 in the first year and \$2,564 annually thereafter.

We base estimated salary expenditures on current levels for the positions requested per published salary schedules, plus any applicable incentive or assignment pay. We compute estimated benefits expenditures based on federal or state mandated rates plus state provided amounts for health insurance and workers' compensation insurance. We assume that any increases in these rates or amounts will be covered by legislation establishing the increase.

We base our estimate for agency indirect costs on the approved federal indirect cost rate of 33.41 percent. We apply this indirect cost rate percentage to all categories of expenditure with only two exceptions: capital equipment and expenditures after \$25,000 of each projected contract. Indirect costs include, but are not limited to, computer and telecommunications support, payroll processing, vendor payments, general accounting, procurement administration, inventory control, and human resource management.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.
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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

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.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1917 HB	Title: Physician assistant compact	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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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		8,000	8,000	54,000	123,000
Total \$		8,000	8,000	54,000	123,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Account					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000
Total \$	0	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000

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.

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- 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 a new title to RCW Title 18 Businesses and Professions and Chapter 42.56 RCW (the public records act) which creates Interstate medical licensure compact for physician assistants.

Section 1: Provides the proposed purpose of the compact which is to strengthen access to medical services in participating states allowing for portability while safeguarding patients.

Section 2: Provides definitions for common terms.

Section 3: Outlines the responsibilities of participating state to license PAs, participate in data systems, investigations, adverse actions, implementation of a federal criminal background check, comply with the rules of the national commission, and utilize passage of a recognized national exam.

Section 4: Lists the licensee responsibilities, and obligations for reporting to obtain and retain compact license privileges.

Section 5: Licensees responsibility to declare a primary address which must be in a state participating in the compact and to which all correspondence will be mailed.

Section 6: Declares the participating state in which a licensee is licensed to be the exclusive power to impose adverse actions against a qualifying license as well as recover costs of investigations and dispositions.

Section 7: Establishes a joint government agency and national administrative body known as the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission. The national commission will have one delegate from each participating state who will meet yearly to establish a code of ethics, establish fees, promulgate rules and perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent with state regulation of physician assistant licensure and practice. The commission may collect an annual assessment from each participating state and may impose compact privilege fees on licensees of participating states to cover the cost of operations of the commission and its staff.

Section 8: The national commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated data and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and the reporting of the existence of significant investigative information on all licensed physician assistants and applicants denied a license in a participating state.

Section 9: The national commission shall exercise rulemaking authority in order to effectively and efficiently implement and administer this compact within the scope of the purposes of the compact. If a majority of participating states rejects a commission rule it shall become null and void.

Section 10: Establishes the executive and judicial branches of state government as oversight authorities in all participating states. Determines the parameters for state participation, default in performance, termination of participation, compact privileges for licensees in default states, dispute resolution, enforcement, and legal actions.

Section 11: Date of implementation of the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission shall come into effect on the date of which this compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh participating state.

Section 12: Creates the construction and severability of the compact.

Section 13: Establishes that nothing in the legislation prevents the enforcement of any other law of a participating state not inconsistent with the compact.

Section 14: Sections 1 through 13 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

Section 15: Adds a new chapter to 42.56 RCW to exempt information distributed to the Washington Medical Commission by the Interstate Physician Assistant Licensure Compact in Section 8 as exempt from disclosure by the compact. Such information may be requested from the state of origin.

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 that a business-licensing program be self-supporting and sufficient revenue be collected through fees to fund expenditures. The commission does not anticipate the need to increase licensing fees to support the changes proposed in this bill. The commission will monitor the program fund balance and adjust fees over a six (6) year period to ensure that fees are sufficient to cover all program expenditures.

The commission assumes a fee of \$116 for applications and \$379 for renewals (2-year) which is consistent with the current physician assistant license fees.

Based on the commission’s experience, the commission assumes a similar percentage of Physicians Assistants will opt for a compact license as was seen when the Physicians and Surgeons compact went into effect. The percentage was then applied to the current number of PA licensees to arrive at an estimate of potential compact applicants using a gradual increase.

- FY 2025 - \$8,000 (69 applications)
- FY 2026 - \$12,000 (104 applications)
- FY 2027 - \$42,000 (138 applications and 69 renewals)
- FY 2028 - \$55,000 (138 applications and 104 renewals)
- FY 2029 - \$68,000 (138 applications and 138 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.

At the time of this writing there are no states that have passed legislation enacting the Physician Assistant compact and seven are required to convene the board.

Credentialing

Sections 3-5: The addition of compact licenses will require staff to update the online application. Due to the lead time necessary for the online application portal development, updates, and deployment, the commission assumes the January 1, 2025, effective date as identified in the bill. The commission will be required to conduct federal background checks on each applicant for the compact by obtaining fingerprints from each applicant, submitting the fingerprints through the WSP to the FBI for a national criminal history background check for use in making multistate licensure decisions.

FY 2025 and ongoing – 0.2 FTE and \$19,000 (02G) each year.

Operations

This bill impacts online or paper applications requiring an update to processing by including compact recognition. Additional work will include but not be limited to e-form development, use case updates, and online testing.

FY 2025 and ongoing - \$5,000 (02G) each year

Total costs to implement this bill:

FY2025: 0.2 FTE and \$24,000 (02G)

FY2026 and ongoing: 0.2 FTE and \$24,000 (02G)

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
02G-1	Health Professions Account	State	0	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000
Total \$			0	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000

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
A-Salaries and Wages		12,000	12,000	24,000	24,000
B-Employee Benefits		5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
E-Goods and Other Services		5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
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Total \$	0	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000

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 Consultant 1	58,104		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Total FTEs			0.2	0.1	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

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NONE

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

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Multiple Agency Ten-Year Analysis Summary

Bill Number 1917 HB	Title Physician assistant compact
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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 Patrol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Health	0	8,000	12,000	42,000	55,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	457,000
Total	0	8,000	12,000	42,000	55,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	457,000



Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 1917 HB	Title Physician assistant compact	Agency 225 Washington State Patrol
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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

Estimated Cash Receipts

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code											
Total												

Biennial Totals

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Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 1917 HB	Title Physician assistant compact	Agency 303 Department of Health
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Estimates

No Cash Receipts

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 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
Physician Assistant Compact License	02G		8,000	12,000	42,000	55,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	457,000
Total			8,000	12,000	42,000	55,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	457,000
Biennial Totals			8,000	54,000	123,000	136,000	136,000	457,000				

Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

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