

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6144 SB	<b>Title:</b> Prescribing psychologists
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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
Department of Health	0	0	0	0	0	19,000	0	0	57,000
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57,000</b>

## 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	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Health	.3	0	0	86,000	.2	0	0	91,000	.0	0	0	18,000
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86,000</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,000</b>

## 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
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6144 SB	<b>Title:</b> Prescribing psychologists	<b>Agency:</b> 225-Washington State Patrol
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## Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**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.*

There is no fiscal impact to the Washington State Patrol from this legislation.

This bill creates a "prescribing psychologist", a person who holds an active license to engage in the practice of psychology and holds a certification as a prescribing psychologist with the authority to prescribe, administer, discontinue and distribute psychotropic medications.

### 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.*

There are no cash receipts to the WSP from this legislation.

### 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.*

This bill creates no workload or other cost to the WSP. We employ a psychologist, but are not required by this bill to make the position a prescribing psychologist. We also do not see any impact to our drug enforcement activities.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

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

NONE

**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

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6144 SB	<b>Title:</b> Prescribing psychologists	<b>Agency:</b> 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				19,000	57,000
<b>Total \$</b>				19,000	57,000

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0
<b>Account</b>					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	86,000	86,000	91,000	18,000
<b>Total \$</b>	0	86,000	86,000	91,000	18,000

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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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.*

Section 5: Amends RCW 18.83.035 (Examining board—Composition—Terms—Chairperson) to add an additional member to the Examining Board of Psychology (EBOP) who must be an expert in psychotropic prescribing.

Section 6: Amends RCW 18.83.050 (Examining board—Powers and duties) to add section that requires EBOP to adopt rules, in consultation with the Washington Medical Commission, to establish standards for certification of prescribing psychologists. Requires EBOP to maintain a current list of every prescribing psychologist's license, certification, and drug enforcement agency registration numbers.

Section 8: Amends RCW 18.83.090 (Continuing education requirements—Human trafficking information—License renewal) to require EBOP to establish rules governing mandatory continuing education requirements for a prescribing psychologist's certificate renewal.

### 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 health professions licensing activities.

There is no fee authority in the bill for the initial certification, however the department assumes existing fee authority will be used to set an initial certification fee.

For the purpose of this fiscal note, the application and one-year renewal fee is estimated between \$4,600 and \$4,800 to cover the entire cost of implementing and regulating prescribing psychologist certificates.

During the rulemaking process, a fee study will be prepared with proposed fees and provided for stakeholder input. The department 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. Revenue collection will start January 1, 2026, and renewals are paid every year.

The department believes that those who have completed training in another state moving here will be eligible to apply immediately following the completion of rulemaking in FY 2025, this would include individuals licensed in one of the other five prescribing states (Louisiana, New Mexico, Illinois, Iowa, and Idaho) and military psychologist as prescribing is currently allowed within active military bases. As of mid-2023, there were 225 prescribing psychologists identified in the United States. Idaho, being the most recent state to pass legislation in 2017 for prescribing psychologists, currently has 6 prescribing psychologists and 5 provisional permits, this is an increase from last year's fiscal note which identified 3 prescribing psychologists and 5 provisional permits. Based on this information the department believes it will see roughly 1-2 applications each year starting in FY 2026. Due to the level of this certification the department assumes a 100% renewal rate.

FY 2026 – \$5,000 (1 application)

FY 2027 – \$14,000 (2 applications and 1 renewals)

FY 2028 – \$24,000 (2 applications and 3 renewals)

FY 2029 – \$33,000 (2 applications and 5 renewals)

FY 20230 – \$42,000 (2 applications and 7 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.*

### Rulemaking

Section 6 and 8: The department will develop and adopt rules to establish the prescribing psychology program. 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 identify underreached communities and engage them in the rulemaking process. Based on the department's experience with prescribing rules, 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. 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 meetings with interested parties in addition to one formal rules hearing, all held virtually, and will take approximately 18 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 \$9,000.

FY 2025 costs will be 0.3 FTE and \$54,000 (02G)

FY 2026 costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (02G)

### Health Technology Solutions (HTS)

Implementation of this bill will require the department to modify the Healthcare Enforcement and Modernization System (HELMS). To accomplish this work, the department will require 44 hours of one-time technical consultation from the product vendor at a rate of \$270 per hour for a total of \$12,000.

FY2026 Costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$35,000 (02G)

FY2027 and ongoing costs will be \$7,000 (02G)

### Office of Customer Service (OCS)

Section 5: In FY 2025, OCS staff will be updating psychologist applications to include the certificate for prescribing psychologists, as well as configuration, testing, implementation, training, and updates of the prescribing psychologist application in HELMS.

FY 2026 costs will be \$5,000 (02G)

### Program Implementation and Administration

Sections 5 and 6: The department assumes program staff will need time to write out standards, research an exam, do contract paperwork with exam vendor, collaborate with educational institutions to build the master's program and recruit a new board member with expertise in psychotropic prescribing. There will also be costs for the additional member of the EPOB. The board meets 6 times a year virtually at a pay of \$250 per day.

FY 2025 costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$32,000 (02G)  
 FY 2026 costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$13,000 (02G)  
 FY 2027 and ongoing, costs will be \$2,000 (02G)

Office of Investigation and Legal Services (OILS)

Section 6: Based on the estimated number of applications, the department believes there will be complaints associated with this new certification, however given the low number of expected practitioners the department does not expect a substantial fiscal impact.

TOTAL COST TO IMPLEMENT THIS BILL:

FY 2025: 0.5 FTE and \$86,000 (02G)  
 FY 2026: 0.4 FTE and \$82,000 (02G)  
 FY 2027 and ongoing: \$9,000 (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	86,000	86,000	91,000	18,000
<b>Total \$</b>			0	86,000	86,000	91,000	18,000

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

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.5	0.3	0.2	
A-Salaries and Wages		42,000	42,000	42,000	12,000
B-Employee Benefits		15,000	15,000	13,000	2,000
C-Professional Service Contracts				13,000	
E-Goods and Other Services		24,000	24,000	20,000	4,000
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		5,000	5,000	3,000	
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<b>Total \$</b>	0	86,000	86,000	91,000	18,000

**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 2	69,072		0.1	0.1		
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 4	86,208		0.1	0.1	0.1	
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 3	74,376		0.1	0.1	0.1	
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 4	86,208		0.2	0.1	0.1	
<b>Total FTEs</b>			0.5	0.3	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.*

Sections 6: The department will adopt rules in Title 246.924 WAC (Psychologists) as necessary to implement this bill.



# Multiple Agency Ten-Year Analysis Summary

<b>Bill Number</b> 6144 SB	<b>Title</b> Prescribing psychologists
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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	5,000	14,000	24,000	33,000	42,000	52,000	61,000	71,000	80,000	382,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>382,000</b>



# Ten-Year Analysis

<b>Bill Number</b> 6144 SB	<b>Title</b> Prescribing psychologists	<b>Agency</b> 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**

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code												
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# Ten-Year Analysis

<b>Bill Number</b> 6144 SB	<b>Title</b> Prescribing psychologists	<b>Agency</b> 303 Department of Health
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## Estimates

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## 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
Prescribing Psychologists certification	02G		5,000	14,000	24,000	33,000	42,000	52,000	61,000	71,000	80,000	382,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>382,000</b>
<b>Biennial Totals</b>			<b>5,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>113,000</b>	<b>151,000</b>	<b>382,000</b>				

## Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

There is no fee authority in the bill for the initial certification, however the department assumes existing fee authority will be used to set an initial certification fee. Based on the fact that there are roughly 225 prescribing psychologists in the United States the department believes there will be up to 2 applicants each year. Based on the level of this certificate the department anticipates a 100% renewal rate.

FY 2026 – \$5,000 (1 application)  
 FY 2027 – \$14,000 (2 applications and 1 renewals)  
 FY 2028 – \$24,000 (2 applications and 3 renewals)  
 FY 2029 – \$33,000 (2 applications and 5 renewals)  
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