

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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| <b>Bill Number:</b> 2339 HB | <b>Title:</b> Cert. renewal/nursing assist | <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               | 0.0     | 0.2     | 0.1     | 0.3     | 0.1     |
| <b>Account</b>                |         |         |         |         |         |
| General Fund-State      001-1 | 0       | 29,000  | 29,000  | 141,000 | 24,000  |
| <b>Total \$</b>               | 0       | 29,000  | 29,000  | 141,000 | 24,000  |

### 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.*

Section 1: Amends RCW 18.88B.031 (Certification examinations) adding that a certification as a home care aide must be renewed every two years.

Section 2: Amends RCW 18.88A.130 (Renewal of registration or certification) stating registrations, certifications, and medication assistant endorsements shall be renewed every two years.

### 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 the health professions administered by the Department of Health (department) be fully self-supporting and that enough revenue be collected through fees to fund the cost of administering the program. As of July 1, 2023 the Home Care Aide program has a negative fund balance of (\$6,978,000) and the Nursing Assistant program has a negative fund balance of (\$2,151,000). Costs to implement this bill will further draw down the program's fund balance and increase the fee adjustment needed for the program to regain a positive fund balance. The department will conduct a fee study, and costs associated with implementing this bill will be considered when setting the fee.

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

#### Rulemaking

Section 1 and 2: The department will develop and adopt rules to implement a change from an annual to a two-year renewal for Home Care Aides, Nursing Assistant – Registered, Nursing Assistant – Certified, and Medication Assistant Endorsement. 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. 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 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 \$4,000.

FY 2025 one-time costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (GF-S).

#### Office of Innovation and Technology

Section 1 and 2: Configuration in department's Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization System will require 144.5 hours from the integration vendor at a rate of \$270.00 per hour. Work will include the initial vendor configuration and agency staff time for ongoing maintenance change in renewals from an annual to a two-year cycle as well as update reports, user defined fields, and workflows.

FY 2026, costs will be 0.3 FTE and \$100,000 (GF-S).

FY 2027, costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$41,000 (GF-S).  
 FY 2028 and ongoing, costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$12,000 (GF-S) each year.

Total costs to implement:

FY 2025, costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (GF-S).  
 FY 2026, costs will be 0.3 FTE and \$100,000 (GF-S).  
 FY 2027, costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$41,000 (GF-S).  
 FY 2028 and ongoing, costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$12,000 (GF-S) each year.

**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 | 0       | 29,000  | 29,000  | 141,000 | 24,000  |
| <b>Total \$</b> |               |       | 0       | 29,000  | 29,000  | 141,000 | 24,000  |

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

|                                  | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | 2023-25 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FTE Staff Years                  |         | 0.2     | 0.1     | 0.3     | 0.1     |
| A-Salaries and Wages             |         | 13,000  | 13,000  | 56,000  | 14,000  |
| B-Employee Benefits              |         | 5,000   | 5,000   | 19,000  | 4,000   |
| C-Professional Service Contracts |         | 1,000   | 1,000   | 39,000  |         |
| E-Goods and Other Services       |         | 9,000   | 9,000   | 22,000  | 4,000   |
| T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements    |         | 1,000   | 1,000   | 5,000   | 2,000   |
| 9-                               |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total \$</b>                  | 0       | 29,000  | 29,000  | 141,000 | 24,000  |

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

| Job Classification                    | Salary  | FY 2024 | FY 2025 | 2023-25 | 2025-27 | 2027-29 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTAN<br>4        | 86,208  |         | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.1     |
| IT APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT<br>JOURNEY | 104,028 |         |         |         | 0.1     |         |
| IT QUALITY ASSURANCE -<br>JOURNEY     | 104,028 |         |         |         | 0.1     |         |
| IT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION -<br>JOURNEY | 109,260 |         |         |         | 0.1     |         |
| MANAGEMENT ANALYST 4                  | 86,208  |         | 0.1     | 0.1     |         |         |
| <b>Total FTEs</b>                     |         |         | 0.2     | 0.1     | 0.3     | 0.1     |

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

NONE

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

**IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

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

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

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

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

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

Section 1 and 2: The department will adopt rules in chapter 246-841A WAC (Nursing assistants) and chapter 246-980 WAC (Home Care Aide rules) as necessary to implement the bill.