

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5880 S SB	Title: MRI technologists	Agency: 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	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2
Account					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	95,000	95,000	162,000	64,000
Total \$	0	95,000	95,000	162,000	64,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

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

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This fiscal note has not changed from the previous fiscal note on 5880 SB. This substitute further defines MRI technologists in Section 1. Changes in the bill will be accounted for in rulemaking, therefore there will be no change in fiscal impact.

This bill creates the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist Certification.

Section 1: Amends RCW 18.84.020 (Definitions) adding nonionizing radiation and magnetic resonance imaging technologist and further defines MRI technologist as a person who can perform MRI's at the direction of a licensed practitioner, which include parenteral procedures when performed under the direct supervision of a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 (Physicians) or 18.54 RCW (Optometry Board).

Section 2: Amends RCW 18.84.080 (Certification – Qualifications) to create a certification for magnetic resonance imaging technologists.

Section 3(5): Amends RCW 18.84.030 (Registration or certificate required) adding certified resonance imaging technologist, CMRIT, or CRT, for persons certified as magnetic resonance imaging technologists to the list of persons who may practice and or represent themselves to the public as a certified radiologic technologist.

Section 4: Amends RCW 18.84.130 (Education Material) to add nonionizing radiation and other imaging equipment maintenance to educational materials and training for radiologic technology professions.

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 each professional, occupational, or business licensing program be fully self-supporting, and that sufficient revenue collected through fees to fund expenditures. The calculation of specific fees will happen during rulemaking and a fee proposal will be presented as part of the rules package. For the purpose of this fiscal note, a license fee is estimated at \$150 for the application and \$105 for renewals which is consistent with the radiologic technologist fees. During the rulemaking process, a fee study will be prepared with proposed fees and provided for stakeholder input. The department will monitor the fund balance and will 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.

Based on the Bureau of Labor statistics there are currently 720 magnetic resonance imaging technologists who are licensed radiologic technologists, the department assumes 90% (648) will seek magnetic resonance technologist certification upon implementation of this bill. The radiologic technologist fund balance is sufficient to cover costs associated with preexisting radiologic technologist's initial certification. Based on the growth rate of radiologic technologists, the department assumes a 2.5% growth rate for magnetic resonance imaging technologist certification.

Washington Administration 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 this WAC, the department assumes 25% of first year applications will need to renew their license in the first year as their birthday will fall outside of ninety days from issuance of initial credential. Ongoing renewals are based on the profession's current renewal rate of the previous year's applications and renewals. Based on radiologic technologist's, the department assumes an 88% renewal rate.

FY 2026 – \$15,000 (143 renewals)
FY 2027 – \$74,000 (94 applications and 570 renewals)
FY 2028 – \$76,000 (96 applications and 585 renewals)
FY 2029 – \$78,000 (99 applications and 599 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

The department will develop and adopt rules to establish a magnetic resonance imaging technologist certification. 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 radiologic technologists' rulemaking, 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. This rule package is extended to identify specific groups who have previously had access barrier to engagement with the department as well as giving the department the ability to expand community engagement and conduct additional workshops and listening sessions. This process will include six meetings with interested parties as well as 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
FY 2026 costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$29,000

Office of Innovation and Technology (OIT)

Section 2 and 3: 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 49 hours of one-time technical consultation from the product vendor at a rate of \$270 per hour for a total of \$13,000.

FY 2025 costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$41,000
FY 2026 and ongoing, costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$12,000

Office of Customer Service (OCS)

Section 2 and 3: The department will develop a new online and paper license type. Starting FY25 there will be costs for gathering requirements, developing forms, and testing in the credentialing section. The department will certify qualified applicants and assumes 720 initial applicants with a 50% renewal rate.

FY2026 cost will be 0.7 FTE and \$88,000
FY2027 cost will be 0.1 FTE and \$15,000
FY2028 and ongoing, cost will be 0.1 FTE and \$17,000

Office of Investigation and Legal Services (OILS)

Section 2: Based on the department’s experience with Radiologic technologists, the department is estimating 2 complaints per year or 0.25% of 664 licensees per year.

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, 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.

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 and ongoing costs will be \$3,000.

TOTAL COST TO IMPLEMENT THIS BILL:

FY 2025: 0.5 FTE and \$95,000

FY 2026: 1.0 FTE and \$132,000

FY 2027: 0.2 FTE and \$30,000

FY 2028 and ongoing: 0.2 FTE and \$32,000

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	95,000	95,000	162,000	64,000
Total \$			0	95,000	95,000	162,000	64,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2
A-Salaries and Wages		41,000	41,000	89,000	36,000
B-Employee Benefits		14,000	14,000	35,000	14,000
C-Professional Service Contracts		13,000	13,000	1,000	
E-Goods and Other Services		23,000	23,000	27,000	10,000
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		4,000	4,000	10,000	4,000
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Total \$	0	95,000	95,000	162,000	64,000

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 2	53,000		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
FISCAL TECHNICIAN 2	45,552				0.1	
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1	58,104				0.2	0.1
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 2	69,072				0.1	
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 3	78,120				0.1	
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 3	74,376		0.2	0.1	0.1	
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 4	86,208		0.2	0.1	0.1	
Total FTEs			0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

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

NONE

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

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

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

Sections 1-4: The department will adopt rules in Title 246-926 (Radiological Technologists) as necessary to implement this bi



Ten-Year Analysis

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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	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
MRI Technologists	02G			15,000	74,000	76,000	78,000	80,000	82,000	84,000	86,000	575,000
Total				15,000	74,000	76,000	78,000	80,000	82,000	84,000	86,000	575,000
Biennial Totals				89,000	154,000	162,000	170,000	575,000				

Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

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