

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 6286 SB	Title: Nurse anesthetist workforce
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

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
Department of Health	.0	162,000	162,000	162,000	.0	324,000	324,000	324,000	.0	324,000	324,000	324,000
Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board	.8	405,000	405,000	405,000	.8	316,000	316,000	316,000	.9	444,000	444,000	444,000
Total \$	0.8	567,000	567,000	567,000	0.8	640,000	640,000	640,000	0.9	768,000	768,000	768,000

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Health	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board	.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

Bill Number: 6286 SB	Title: Nurse anesthetist workforce	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
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	162,000	162,000	324,000	324,000
Total \$	0	162,000	162,000	324,000	324,000

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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- 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 bill looks to address the anesthesia workforce shortage to increase the number of anesthesia providers across Washington.

Section 2: Creates a new section directing the Washington Board of Nursing (WABON) to develop and manage a grant program to provide incentives to certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to precept nurse anesthesia residents in health care settings. This section is subject to amounts appropriated specifically for this purpose.

Section 3: Creates a new section directing the health workforce council (WDC) to collaborate with WABON, the Washington Medical Commission, and the Department of Health to conduct a study of the anesthesia workforce shortage and present an initial report by June 30, 2025, and annual reports until June 30, 2029.

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 Washington Board of Nursing (WABON) to charge a fee to generate sufficient revenue to fully support the costs of administering its licensing activities. Similar to other grant programs WABON has, general fund state (GF-S) is being requested to cover costs associated with the grant program identified in section 2.

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.

Section 2: The Washington Board of Nursing will lead the development and management of the grant program providing incentives to CRNAs. Based on other preceptor programs currently being managed. WABON anticipates 40 preceptorships per calendar quarter (160 per calendar year) who would qualify for this grant. Based on other administered preceptor grants, WABON anticipates \$1,000 per preceptorship. WABON anticipates work associated with the development and management of this grant program can be accomplished with existing staff.

FY2025 and beyond: \$162,000 (GF-S) each year.

Section 3: The Washington Board of Nursing, the Washington Medical Commission, and the Department of Health will collaborate with WDC to study the workforce shortages in anesthesia care in Washington state. The Washington Board of Nursing, the Washington Medical Commission, and the Department of Health interpret collaboration with WDC to be limited to recommendations and guidance upon request which can be accomplished with existing staff therefore no fiscal impact.

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	162,000	162,000	324,000	324,000
Total \$			0	162,000	162,000	324,000	324,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services		160,000	160,000	320,000	320,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	162,000	162,000	324,000	324,000

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: 6286 SB	Title: Nurse anesthetist workforce	Agency: 354-Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
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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	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	405,000	405,000	316,000	444,000
Total \$	0	405,000	405,000	316,000	444,000

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.

The bill seeks to address the anesthesia workforce shortage by reducing barriers and expanding educational opportunities to increase the supply of certified registered nurse anesthetists in Washington.

Section 3: Requires the Health Workforce Council, staffed by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board), in collaboration with the Board of Nursing, the Medical Commission, and the Department of Health to study the workforce shortages in anesthesia care in Washington. An initial report is due to the Legislature by June 30, 2025. Update reports are due 2026, 2027, and 2028. A final report is due June 30, 2029, detailing the progress made in the previous five years and any findings and policy recommendations to further address the workforce shortages in anesthesia care.

The initial report must include:

- Factors and barriers to entry into the anesthesia workforce;
- Assessment of the current training and pipeline for the healthcare providers who may provide anesthesia care;
- Recommendations that reduce barriers for individuals who want to become certified registered nurse anesthetists and increasing the available clinical training slots for nurse anesthesia residents; and
- An implementation plan to improve the pipeline of anesthesia care.

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.

To implement this legislation, the Workforce Board requires staff time to manage the project, facilitate stakeholder convenings and recommendations, and ensure deliverables are met on time. The Workforce Board also plans to do a contract with the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies to assist in research efforts.

The Workforce Board will require:

0.2 FTE for a Senior Researcher (WMS 2) to manage research efforts and be responsible for the initial report to policymakers, annual update reports, including monitoring and evaluation work of the current training pipeline as well as creating and maintaining the implementation plan to improve the pipeline, and delivery of the final report. This position will reduce to 0.1 FTE for years in which only annual update reports (FY26-28) are due and will revert back to 0.2 FTE for the final report year.

0.1 FTE for a Policy Associate (MA5) to provide supervision to the MA4 policy associate, facilitate communications between project staff and Health Workforce Council members, coordinate integration of anesthesia workforce findings into larger Council projects and attend anesthesia stakeholder convenings (FY29).

1.0 FTE for a Policy Associate (MA4) to coordinate stakeholder convenings and synthesize stakeholder input and recommendations for the initial report in FY25. This position reduces to a 0.5 FTE to continue coordination efforts for the remainder of the project.

0.25 FTE for an Administrative Assistant 4 to support project work in the initial year. This will reduce to a 0.1 FTE for the remainder of the project.

The Workforce Board anticipates contracting with the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies (UW CHWS) for the following work conducted in collaboration with the Workforce Board (more on this work following the estimated cost):

- FY25, \$150,000 to support research for the initial report.
- FY26, \$40,000 to support follow up research in the first update report year to resolve policymaker and stakeholder questions on the initial report.
- FY29, \$150,000 to support research for the final report.

These contracts include research design, analysis and interpretation of results, and preparation and review of materials for incorporation into the Workforce Board’s reports to policymakers on the anesthesia workforce.

The contracted research work will include quantitative and qualitative analyses of the anesthesia workforce, which includes anesthesiologists and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs). Quantitative analyses of secondary data will include statistics on the total supply and geographic distribution of anesthesiologists and CRNAs.

To the extent data are available, analyses will also produce statistics on demographic characteristics as well as the schools and programs where they received their education to identify sources of the state’s supply. UW CHWS will conduct key informant interviews to understand facilitators and barriers to entry into the workforce, including education and training pathways and recruitment into practice, as well as retention in the state’s workforce. Key informants will include representatives of the Washington State Board of Nursing, Washington Medical Commission, Washington State Department of Health, leaders of professional organizations, anesthesia workforce education programs, clinical training sites, and a diverse set of anesthesia practices and employers to obtain perspectives from throughout the state.

Qualitative analyses of interview data will identify barrier and facilitator themes. UW CHWS will provide results, i.e. the contracted research work, to the Workforce Board in the form of summary text, tables, and figures as well as identify policy options to inform recommendations that aim to increase the supply of the state’s anesthesia workforce.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9
A-Salaries and Wages		139,000	139,000	146,000	158,000
B-Employee Benefits		30,000	30,000	32,000	35,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		46,000	46,000	48,000	50,000
G-Travel		17,000	17,000	34,000	34,000
J-Capital Outlays		9,000	9,000		
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S-Interagency Reimbursements					
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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
AA4	62,888		0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Policy Assoc MA4	88,794		1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5
Policy Mgr MA5	98,040		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Snr Research Mgr	118,450		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total FTEs			1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

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