

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5184 SB AMH HCW H3314.2	Title: Anesthesiologist assistants	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				50,500	90,900
Total \$				50,500	90,900

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.7	0.4	1.6	0.1
Account					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	169,000	169,000	75,000	42,000
Total \$	0	169,000	169,000	75,000	42,000

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 bill creates a new chapter in Title 18 RCW (Businesses and Professions) for anesthesiologist assistants.

Sections 2: Directs the commission to adopt rules fixing the qualifications and the educational and training requirements for licensure as an anesthesiologist assistant. The commission will also adopt rules related to examination requirements, duties, responsibilities, protections, discipline, and limitations.

Section 3: Directs the commission to adopt rules establishing the requirements and limitations on the practice by and supervision of anesthesiologist assistants, including the number of anesthesiologist assistants an anesthesiologist may supervise concurrently.

Section 4, 5, 6 & 7: Outlines the scope of authority for an anesthesiologist assistant and supervising anesthesiologists.

Section 8: Amends 18.130.040 RCW (Application to certain professions—Authority of secretary—Grant or denial of licenses—Procedural rules.) adding a new chapter created in section 10 of this act to the Washington medical commission.

Section 9: Amends RCW 18.120.020 (Definitions) adding anesthesiologist assistants licensed under chapter to the list of health professions licensed under chapter 18 RCW.

Section 10: States sections 1 through 7 of this act constitutes a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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 commission to charge a fee to generate sufficient revenue to fully support the costs of administering its health profession licensing activities.

Sections 2-7: For the purpose of this fiscal note, a one-year certification fee is estimated at \$505 to cover the regulation of Anesthesiologist Assistants. During the rulemaking process, a fee study will be prepared with proposed fees and provided for stakeholder input. 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.

Revenue collection will start July 1, 2026, and renewals paid each year thereafter. Based on the number of schools currently providing this training (11-15), the commission anticipates there will be 40 applications in the first year and 20 applications each year thereafter. The commission further assumes a 100% renewal rate due to its specialized training.

FY 2026 - \$20,200 (40 applications)
FY 2027 - \$30,300 (20 applications, 40 renewals)
FY 2028 - \$40,400 (20 applications, 60 renewals)
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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

Sections 2,3,8-10: This bill requires the WMC to establish and adopt rules to create a new credential for Anesthesiology Assistants. The commission expects this to be an 18-month rulemaking effort in order to increase collaboration and stakeholder participation with the Health Care Authority (HCA), the Washington Board of Nursing (WABON), other stakeholders, and the community. Rulemaking will include six public meetings as well as one formal hearing. Costs include staff, associated expenses (including goods and services, travel, intra-agency, and indirect charges), and Office of the Attorney General support in the amount of \$9,000.

FY 2025; 0.5 FTE and \$78,000 (02G)

FY 2026; 0.2 FTE and \$33,000 (02G)

Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Sections 2: OIT staff and vendor time will be required to make a new application and create a new credential in the Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) for Anesthesiologist Assistants. Configuration in HELMS, in FY 2025, will require approximately 216 additional hours from the integration vendor at a rate of \$270 per hour.

FY 2025; 0.1 FTE and \$84,000 (02G)

FY 2026 and ongoing; 0.1 FTE and \$10,000 (02G)

Office of Customer Service (OCS)

Sections 2-3: OCS staff will create new certification credentials to be issued for the new Anesthesiologist Assistant credential. This includes developing new paper and online application forms, configuration, testing, implementation, training, and updates for the new credential type. Additionally, this new credential will generate additional calls to the call center for assistance, increase the number of background checks, payments, and renewals processed.

FY 2025 and ongoing; 0.1 FTE and \$7,000 (02G)

Discipline

Sections 2-7: Based on the commission's review of national association certificate program education requirements and on the assumption that the Washington Medical Commission would adopt training and education requirements similar to the national association standards, the department assumes a discipline rate similar to other credentials (such as the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist). With these assumptions, the department estimates 5 complaints per year.

FY 2026 and ongoing; \$4,000 (02G)

Total cost to implement this bill:

FY 2025; 0.7 FTE and \$169,000 (02G)

FY 2026; 0.3 FTE and \$54,000 (02G)
 FY 2027 and ongoing; 0.1 FTE and \$21,000 (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	169,000	169,000	75,000	42,000
Total \$			0	169,000	169,000	75,000	42,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.7	0.4	1.6	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages		60,000	60,000	42,000	24,000
B-Employee Benefits		21,000	21,000	14,000	8,000
C-Professional Service Contracts		57,000	57,000		
E-Goods and Other Services		26,000	26,000	17,000	10,000
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		5,000	5,000	2,000	
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Total \$	0	169,000	169,000	75,000	42,000

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		
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 4	86,208		0.5	0.3	1.6	0.1
IT APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SENIOR/SPECIALIST	120,456		0.1	0.1		
Total FTEs			0.7	0.4	1.6	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 2-3: The commission will adopt rules in WAC 246-919 (Washington Medical Commission) and as necessary to implement this bill.



Ten-Year Analysis

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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
Anesthesiologist Assistant	02G			20,200	30,300	40,400	50,500	60,600	70,700	80,800	90,900	444,400
Total				20,200	30,300	40,400	50,500	60,600	70,700	80,800	90,900	444,400
Biennial Totals					50,500	90,900	131,300	171,700	444,400			

Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

This is an estimate of the fees to be charged for an Anesthesiologist Assistant license and renewal. This is also an estimate of the number of licenses and renewals based on the Washington Medical Commission's research of other programs in the United States.

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