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**Health Care & Wellness Committee**

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**HB 2435**

**Brief Description:** Concerning midwives.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Green, Kelley, Roberts, Nelson, Goodman, Hudgins and Hunt.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Increases the midwife license fee by up to \$25 for online access to the University of Washington Health Sciences Library.

**Hearing Date:** 1/12/10

**Staff:** Chris Cordes (786-7103).

**Background:**

By law, the Department of Health (DOH) must charge fees to professionals licensed by the DOH. The fees must be based on the cost to the agency for the licensure of the activity or class of activities.

In 2007 a surcharge of up to \$25 was added to license fees for certain health professionals to provide online access to selected clinical resources through the University of Washington Health Sciences Library. Beginning January 1, 2009, these licensees were given access to vital clinical resources, medical journals, decision-support tools, and evidence-based reviews of procedures, drugs, and devices.

This online access surcharge is charged to the license fee of physicians and osteopathic physicians, physician assistants, naturopaths, podiatrists, chiropractors, psychologists, registered nurses, optometrists, mental health counselors, clinical social workers, and acupuncturists.

**Summary of Bill:**

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The midwife license fee is increased by up to \$25 for online access to the University of Washington Health Sciences Library.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.