

HOUSE BILL REPORT

EHB 1076

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to a limited license to practice medicine.

Brief Description: Removing the two-year limited license renewal limit on teaching-research medical professionals.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Campbell, Cody, Skinner, Pennington, Ruderman, Kagi, Darneille, Edmonds, Marine, Edwards, McDermott, Haigh and Kenney.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care: 1/23/01 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/27/01, 95-0.

Passed Senate: 4/9/01, 48-0.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill

- Repeals the two-year limitation on the duration of a limited license to practice medicine issued to teaching-research staff at the UW School of Medicine.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Campbell, Republican Co-Chair; Cody, Democratic Co-Chair; Schual-Berke, Democratic Vice Chair; Alexander, Ballasiotes, Conway, Darneille, Edmonds, Edwards, Marine, McMorris, Pennington and Ruderman.

Staff: John Welsh (786-7133).

Background:

The state Medical Quality Assurance Commission is authorized by law to issue a limited license to practice medicine to a person who is invited to serve as a teaching-research faculty member at the University of Washington School of Medicine. The member must be a graduate of an approved medical school and hold a license to practice medicine.

The person may only practice within the confines of the instructional program. A limited license is renewable annually, but its maximum duration is limited to two years.

Summary of Bill:

A limited license to practice medicine issued to a teaching-research member of the School of Medicine's instructional staff is renewable annually. The two-year maximum limit on the duration of a limited license is repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: This bill is requested by the University of Washington School of Medicine. It facilitates the recruitment of non-resident physicians for filling faculty positions by assuring them longer tenure.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: (support) Jackie Der and Fred Cheney, University of Washington School of Medicine.