

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## EHB 1076

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Health & Long-Term Care, March 15, 2001

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

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long-Term Care: 3/15/01 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Thibaudeau, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Costa, Fraser and Winsley.

**Staff:** Joan Mell (786-7447)

**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 The two-year maximum limit on the duration of a limited license is repealed.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:** Support of the legislation is appreciated. Children's is closing surgery suites because qualified anesthesiologists are not available. Three physicians are waiting for the outcome of this legislation.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Fred Cheney, Jackie Der, UW School of Medicine (pro).

