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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Schual-Berke, Rockefeller, Cody and Wallace)

Brief Description: Using the health professions account for professional education and recruitment and retention. Revised for 1st Substitute: Using the health professions account for efforts affecting the health professions and patients.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/04)

Provides that the board or commission of any individual health profession listed in RCW 18.130.040(2)(b), in consultation with the secretary, may spend resources that exceed the cost of administering and maintaining that profession's program. The secretary is responsible for determining whether an individual profession meets this requirement.

Provides that funds may be spent to support activities that promote efforts affecting the profession and the patients that they serve including, expediting the processing and investigation of complaints of unprofessional conduct, hiring additional staff to investigate and adjudicate complaints of unprofessional conduct, assuring compliance with orders of the board or commission as necessary to protect the public, upgrading systems and resources to accelerate the disciplinary process, and recruiting and retaining quality health care providers.