

SB 6193-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the department shall periodically, in collaboration with the work force training and education coordinating board, distribute survey questions for the purpose of gathering data related to work force supply and demographics to all health care providers who are licensed to practice in Washington.

Requires the department to process the surveys that it receives in such a way that the identity of individual providers remains anonymous. Data elements related to the identification of individual providers shall be confidential and shall be exempt from chapter 42.56 RCW, except as provided in a data-sharing agreement approved by the department pursuant to this act.

Requires that by July 1, 2009, the department shall provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the effectiveness of using a survey to obtain information on the supply of health care professionals, the distribution and use of the information obtained by the surveys by employers and health professions education and training programs and the extent to which the surveys have alleviated identified shortages of trained health care providers.