

HB 2015-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the secretary to issue a license to any applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) Graduation from a master's or doctorate program in genetic counseling or medical genetics approved by the secretary;

(2) Successful completion of any clinical experience requirements established by the secretary; and

(3) Successful completion of an examination administered or approved by the secretary.

Creates the advisory committee on genetic counseling.

Provides that an applicant holding a license in another state may be licensed to practice in this state without examination if the secretary determines that the licensing standards of the other state are substantially equivalent to the licensing standards of this state.

Provides that a person not licensed with the secretary to practice genetic counseling may not represent himself or herself as a "genetic counselor," "licensed genetic counselor," "gene counselor," "genetic consultant," "genetic associate," or other letters, words, signs, numbers, or insignia indicating or implying that he or she is a genetic counselor.

Gives the secretary authority under chapter 18.130 RCW in relation to genetic counselors licensed under this act.