

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5071

As Passed Senate, February 28, 2011

Title: An act relating to providing licensed midwives and marriage and family therapists online access to the University of Washington health sciences library.

Brief Description: Providing licensed midwives and marriage and family therapists online access to the University of Washington health sciences library.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Pflug, Keiser, Conway, Kline, Parlette and Roach).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education & Workforce Development: 2/02/11, 2/16/11 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/28/11, 46-2.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5071 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Tom, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Hill, Ranking Minority Member; Baumgartner, Becker, Ericksen, Kastama, Kilmer and White.

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: The license fees for physicians, physician assistants, osteopathic physicians, osteopathic physician assistants, naturopaths, podiatrists, chiropractors, psychologists, registered nurses, optometrists, mental health counselors, massage therapists, clinical social workers, and East Asian medicine practitioners include up to a \$25 fee that is transferred to the University of Washington. The fee is used to fund online access to selected vital clinical resources, medical journals, decision support tools, and evidence-based reviews to these health care professionals. There are currently 109 licensed midwives who pay an annual licensing fee of \$500.

Summary of Substitute Bill: As part of their licensing fees, midwives and marriage and family therapists must pay an additional annual fee of up to \$25 to fund online access to the University of Washington Health Sciences Library.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: An identical bill was considered last year and passed out of the Senate with a unanimous vote. It is important for midwives to have access to evidence-based research and publications. All health professions should be included. This will help midwives provide better care.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Lori Bielinski, Washington State Chiropractic Assoc.; Carey Morris, Washington Assoc. for Marriage and Family Therapy; Amber Ulvenes, Audrey Levine, Midwife Assoc. of Washington State; Melanie Stewart, American Massage Therapy Assoc./Washington Chapter.