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By Representatives Green, Harris, Cody, Hinkle, Appleton, Roberts, Kenney, and Kagi

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing licensed midwives online access to  
2 health care resources through the University of Washington health  
3 sciences library; and amending RCW 43.70.110.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.110 and 2010 c 286 s 15 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The secretary shall charge fees to the licensee for obtaining  
8 a license. Physicians regulated pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW who  
9 reside and practice in Washington and obtain or renew a retired active  
10 license are exempt from such fees. After June 30, 1995, municipal  
11 corporations providing emergency medical care and transportation  
12 services pursuant to chapter 18.73 RCW shall be exempt from such fees,  
13 provided that such other emergency services shall only be charged for  
14 their pro rata share of the cost of licensure and inspection, if  
15 appropriate. The secretary may waive the fees when, in the discretion  
16 of the secretary, the fees would not be in the best interest of public  
17 health and safety, or when the fees would be to the financial  
18 disadvantage of the state.

1 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, fees  
2 charged shall be based on, but shall not exceed, the cost to the  
3 department for the licensure of the activity or class of activities and  
4 may include costs of necessary inspection.

5 (3) License fees shall include amounts in addition to the cost of  
6 licensure activities in the following circumstances:

7 (a) For registered nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed  
8 under chapter 18.79 RCW, support of a central nursing resource center  
9 as provided in RCW 18.79.202, until June 30, 2013;

10 (b) For all health care providers licensed under RCW 18.130.040,  
11 the cost of regulatory activities for retired volunteer medical worker  
12 licensees as provided in RCW 18.130.360; and

13 (c) For physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, physician  
14 assistants licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, osteopathic physicians  
15 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, osteopathic physicians' assistants  
16 licensed under chapter 18.57A RCW, naturopaths licensed under chapter  
17 18.36A RCW, podiatrists licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, chiropractors  
18 licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter  
19 18.83 RCW, registered nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW,  
20 optometrists licensed under chapter 18.53 RCW, mental health counselors  
21 licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW, massage therapists licensed under  
22 chapter 18.108 RCW, clinical social workers licensed under chapter  
23 18.225 RCW, midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW, and East Asian  
24 medicine practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW, the license  
25 fees shall include up to an additional twenty-five dollars to be  
26 transferred by the department to the University of Washington for the  
27 purposes of RCW 43.70.112.

28 (4) Department of health advisory committees may review fees  
29 established by the secretary for licenses and comment upon the  
30 appropriateness of the level of such fees.

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