
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2109

State of Washington

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By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Klippert, and Van De Wege)

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1 AN ACT Relating to family practice residencies; amending RCW
2 70.112.020; reenacting and amending RCW 70.112.010; creating a new
3 section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes there is a
6 severe shortage of family medicine physicians that persists in rural
7 and underserved areas of the state, and that there are challenges in
8 recruiting and retaining family practice physicians, in addition to
9 other health care providers in these areas.

10 (2) The legislature acknowledges that one factor limiting the
11 ability to recruit physicians is the lack of residencies available in
12 the state and in certain rural and underserved areas.

13 (3) The legislature recognizes that partnerships between the
14 University of Washington school of medicine and licensed hospitals or
15 medical clinics willing to sponsor residencies will support the
16 development and expansion of and expanding access to family medicine
17 residencies in rural and underserved areas such as southeastern
18 Washington, and throughout the state.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.112.020 and 2012 c 117 s 426 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) There is established a statewide medical education system for
4 the purpose of training resident physicians in family practice. The
5 (~~dean of the~~) school of medicine shall be responsible for
6 implementing the development and expansion of residency programs in
7 cooperation with the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics located
8 throughout the state. The (~~chair of the department of family medicine~~
9 ~~in the~~) school of medicine shall (~~determine where affiliated~~
10 ~~residency programs shall exist~~) support development of high quality
11 accredited affiliated residency programs; giving consideration to
12 communities in the state where the population, hospital facilities,
13 number of physicians, and interest in medical education indicate the
14 potential success of the residency program. The medical education
15 system shall provide financial support for residents in training for
16 those programs which are affiliated with the school of medicine and
17 shall establish positions for appropriate faculty to staff these
18 programs. The number of programs shall be determined by the board and
19 be in keeping with the needs of the state.

20 (2) For the purpose of recruiting and retaining primary care
21 physicians in rural communities in southeastern Washington and in other
22 rural and underserved areas of the state, and aligned with subsection
23 (1) of this section, the school of medicine shall support the
24 development of residency training programs in southeastern Washington
25 in partnership with a qualified hospital licensed in the state that is
26 willing to sponsor primary care training.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.112.010 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 41 are each
28 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

29 (1) "Affiliated" means established or developed in cooperation with
30 the school of medicine.

31 (2) "Family practice unit" means the community facility or
32 classroom used for training of ambulatory health skills within a
33 residency training program.

34 (3) "Residency programs" (~~mean[s]~~) means community-based family
35 practice residency educational programs either in existence or
36 established under this chapter.

1 (4) "School of medicine" means the University of Washington school
2 of medicine located in Seattle, Washington or the Pacific Northwest
3 University of Health Sciences located in Yakima, Washington.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of six million six hundred thousand
5 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
6 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the general fund to the
7 University of Washington school of medicine. Of the amount
8 appropriated in this section, four million dollars is for the purpose
9 of expanding family medicine residencies in southeastern Washington and
10 two million six hundred thousand dollars is for the purpose of
11 expanding family medicine residencies throughout the state.

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