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By Senators Frockt, Bailey, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, and Hasegawa

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1            AN ACT Relating to family medicine residencies in health  
2 professional shortage areas; amending RCW 70.112.020; reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 70.112.010; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW;  
4 adding new sections to chapter 70.112 RCW; and creating a new  
5 section.

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

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
8 increase the number of family medicine physicians in shortage areas  
9 in the state by providing a fiscal incentive for hospitals and  
10 clinics to develop or expand residency programs in these areas. The  
11 legislature also intends to encourage family medicine residents to  
12 work in shortage areas by funding the health professional loan  
13 repayment and scholarship program.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16            (1) The department shall conduct a performance audit and  
17 evaluation of the family medicine residency programs created in  
18 chapter 70.112 RCW.

19            (2) The audit must:

1 (a) Determine the locations of the residency programs, whether  
2 the programs are in health professional shortage areas as defined in  
3 RCW 70.112.010 and how the distribution of programs changes over  
4 time;

5 (b) Compare the number of family medical residents who attended  
6 an in-state versus an out-of-state medical school;

7 (c) Compare the number of residents in family medicine versus  
8 specialty areas; and

9 (d) Determine whether graduates of the residency programs in  
10 health professional shortage areas continue to work within shortage  
11 areas.

12 (3) The department shall report to the appropriate legislative  
13 committees of the house of representatives and the senate the results  
14 of its findings by November 1, 2016, and November 1st every even year  
15 thereafter.

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

18 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
19 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

20 (1) "Advisory board" means the family medicine education advisory  
21 board created in section 5 of this act.

22 (2) "Affiliated" means established or developed in cooperation  
23 with the school of medicine.

24 (~~(2) "Family practice unit" means the community facility or~~  
25 ~~classroom used for training of ambulatory health skills within a~~  
26 ~~residency training program.))~~

27 (3) "Health professional shortage areas" has the same definition  
28 as in RCW 28B.115.020.

29 (4) "Residency programs" (~~mean[s]~~) means community-based  
30 (~~(family practice))~~ residency educational programs in family  
31 medicine, either in existence or established under this chapter and  
32 that are certified by the accreditation council for graduate medical  
33 education or by the American osteopathic association.

34 (~~(4))~~ (5) "Schools of medicine" means the University of  
35 Washington school of medicine located in Seattle, Washington; the  
36 Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences located in Yakima,  
37 Washington; and any other such medical schools that are accredited by  
38 the liaison committee on medical education or the American  
39 osteopathic association's commission on osteopathic college

1 accreditation, and that locate their entire four-year medical program  
2 in Washington.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.112.020 and 2012 c 117 s 426 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) There is established a statewide medical education system for  
6 the purpose of training resident physicians in family ((practice))  
7 medicine.

8 (2) The deans of the school of medicine shall be responsible for  
9 implementing the development and expansion of residency programs in  
10 cooperation with the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics  
11 located throughout the state. The ((chair of the department of family  
12 medicine in the)) schools of medicine shall ((determine where  
13 affiliated residency programs shall exist;)) support development of  
14 high quality, accredited, affiliated residency programs, giving  
15 consideration to communities in the state where the population,  
16 hospital facilities, number of physicians, and interest in medical  
17 education indicate the potential success of the residency program and  
18 prioritizing support for health professional shortage areas in the  
19 state.

20 (3) The medical education system shall provide financial support  
21 for residents in training for those programs which are affiliated  
22 with the schools of medicine and shall establish positions for  
23 appropriate faculty to staff these programs.

24 (4) The schools of medicine shall coordinate with the office of  
25 student financial assistance to notify prospective family medicine  
26 students and residents of their eligibility for the health  
27 professional loan repayment and scholarship program under chapter  
28 28B.115 RCW.

29 (5) The number of programs shall be determined by the board and  
30 be in keeping with the needs of the state.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 70.112  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) There is created a family medicine education advisory board,  
34 which must consist of the following nine members:

35 (a) One member appointed by the dean of the school of medicine at  
36 the University of Washington school of medicine;

37 (b) One member appointed by the dean of the school of medicine at  
38 the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences;

1 (c) Two citizen members, one from west of the crest of the  
2 Cascade mountains and one from east of the crest of the Cascade  
3 mountains, to be appointed by the governor;

4 (d) One member appointed by the Washington state medical  
5 association;

6 (e) One member appointed by the Washington osteopathic medical  
7 association;

8 (f) One member appointed by the Washington state academy of  
9 family physicians;

10 (g) One hospital administrator representing those Washington  
11 hospitals with family medicine residency programs, appointed by the  
12 Washington state hospital association; and

13 (h) One director representing the directors of community-based  
14 family medicine residency programs, appointed by the family medicine  
15 residency network.

16 (2) The two members of the advisory board appointed by the deans  
17 of the schools of medicine shall serve as chairs of the advisory  
18 board.

19 (3) The cochairs of the advisory board, appointed by the deans of  
20 the schools of medicine, shall serve as permanent members of the  
21 advisory board without specified term limits. The deans of the  
22 schools of medicine have the authority to replace the chair  
23 representing their school. The deans of the schools of medicine shall  
24 appoint a new member in the event that the member representing their  
25 school vacates his or her position.

26 (4) Other members must be initially appointed as follows: Terms  
27 of the two public members must be two years; terms of the members  
28 appointed by the medical association and the hospital association  
29 must be three years; and the remaining members must be four years.  
30 Thereafter, terms for the nonpermanent members must be four years.  
31 Members may serve two consecutive terms. New appointments must be  
32 filled in the same manner as for original appointments. Vacancies  
33 must be filled for an unexpired term in the manner of the original  
34 appointment.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 70.112  
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 The advisory board shall consider and provide recommendations on  
38 the selection of the areas within the state where affiliate residency  
39 programs could exist, the allocation of funds appropriated under this

1 chapter, and the procedures for review and evaluation of the  
2 residency programs.

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