

HB 1485-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent to increase the number of family medicine physicians in shortage areas in the state by providing a fiscal incentive for hospitals and clinics to develop or expand residency programs in these areas.

Creates a family medicine education advisory board and requires the board to consider and provide recommendations on the selection of the areas within the state where affiliate residency programs could exist, the allocation of funds appropriated under chapter 70.112 RCW (family medicine-- education and residency programs), and the procedures for review and evaluation of the residency programs.

Requires the schools of medicine to coordinate with the office of student financial assistance to notify prospective family medicine students and residents of their eligibility for the health professional loan repayment and scholarship program.

Requires the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery to request licensees to submit information about their current professional practice at the time of license renewal and requires the licensees to provide the information requested.