

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESHB 1431

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Increasing the number of members on the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Slatter, Cody and Jinkins; by request of Department of Health).

**House Committee on Health Care & Wellness**  
**Senate Committee on Health Care**

### **Background:**

#### The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

An osteopathic physician is a person authorized to use any and all methods in the treatment of disease, injuries, deformities, and all other physical and mental conditions in humans, including the use of osteopathic manipulative therapy. An osteopathic physician assistant is a person authorized to practice osteopathic medicine pursuant to a delegation agreement with an osteopathic physician.

The disciplining authority for osteopathic physicians and osteopathic physician assistants is the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (BOMS). The BOMS has seven members who must be United States citizens and residents of Washington. One member of the BOMS must be a consumer and the remaining members must be actively practicing osteopathic physicians.

#### Compensation of Part-Time Board Members.

Members of part-time boards and commissions often receive compensation for their work. The amount of compensation depends on which class the board or commission is in. For example, boards that provide licensing functions for a profession are designated as class three. Members of class three groups are compensated \$50 per day. Commissions that regulate health professions are designated as class five. Members of class five groups are compensated \$250 per day.

### **Summary:**

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Four members are added to the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (BOMS). The number of consumer members on the BOMS is increased from one to two. One osteopathic physician assistant is added to the BOMS. The two remaining additional members must be actively practicing osteopathic physicians.

The BOMS is designated as a class five group for purposes of compensation.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	46	0

**Effective:** July 23, 2017