
Health Care & Wellness Committee

SB 6093

Brief Description: Adding the Washington State University college of medicine to the family medicine residency network.

Sponsors: Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Billig, Carlyle, Keiser and Hunt.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Adds Washington State University's Elson Floyd College of Medicine to the Family Medicine Residency Network.

Hearing Date: 2/21/18

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

The Family Medicine Residency Network (FMRN) was established in 1975 to help train resident physicians in family medicine. The FMRN provides financial support to residents in programs affiliated with the medical schools in Washington (the University of Washington, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, and Washington State University) and establishes positions for appropriate faculty to staff the programs. The medical schools must prioritize support for health professional shortage areas and give consideration to communities where the population, hospital facilities, number of physicians, and interest in medical education indicate the potential success of a residency program.

The Family Medicine Education Advisory Board (FMEAB) considers and makes recommendations on the selection of areas where affiliated residency programs will exist, the allocation of state funds, and procedures for review and evaluation of the programs. The FMEAB consists of the following members:

- one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

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- one member appointed by each of the deans of the University of Washington School of Medicine and the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (who serve as co-chairs);
- two citizen members, one from east of the Cascade Mountains and one from west of the Cascade Mountains, appointed by the Governor;
- one member appointed by the Washington State Medical Association;
- one member appointed by the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association;
- one member appointed by the Washington State Academy of Family Physicians;
- one hospital administrator appointed by the Washington State Hospital Association; and
- one director representing the directors of community-based family practice residency programs, appointed by the FMRN.

Summary of Bill:

The Washington State University College of Medicine is specifically added to the FMRN. The Dean of the Washington State University College of Medicine must appoint a member to the FMEAB, who will serve as co-chair alongside the appointees from the other medical schools.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.