

2SSB 5846 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that a shortage
4 of primary care health care providers has created significant
5 provider access issues in Washington.

6 (2) The legislature further finds that international medical
7 graduates residing in the state could provide increased access to
8 primary care for state residents, but international medical graduates
9 routinely face barriers to practice.

10 (3) Therefore, the legislature intends to establish the
11 international medical graduate work group to study barriers to
12 practice and make recommendations on how the state can implement an
13 international medical graduate assistance program by January 1, 2022,
14 to assist international medical graduates in integrating into the
15 Washington health care delivery system.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts
17 appropriated for this specific purpose, the international medical
18 graduate work group is established. The work group membership must
19 consist of the following members appointed by the governor:

20 (a) A representative from the medical quality assurance
21 commission;

22 (b) A representative from the department of health, health
23 systems quality assurance division;

24 (c) A representative from the University of Washington school of
25 medicine graduate medical education program;

26 (d) A representative from the Washington State University Elson
27 S. Floyd college of medicine graduate medical education program;

28 (e) A representative from the Pacific Northwest University of
29 Health Sciences college of osteopathic medicine graduate medical
30 education program;

- 1 (f) A representative from a statewide association representing
2 physicians;
- 3 (g) A representative from the Washington state family medicine
4 residency network;
- 5 (h) A representative from a primary care health care employer in
6 a rural or underserved area of Washington;
- 7 (i) A representative from a health carrier offering coverage in a
8 rural or underserved area of Washington;
- 9 (j) A licensed physician with experience working with
10 international medical graduates;
- 11 (k) A representative from an organization specializing in refugee
12 advocacy in Washington;
- 13 (l) A representative from an organization serving refugee
14 physicians and international medical graduates;
- 15 (m) A representative from an organization offering counseling and
16 educational programs to internationally trained health professionals;
- 17 (n) A representative from an organization representing community
18 and migrant health centers; and
- 19 (o) At least two international medical graduates.
- 20 (2) The work group must:
- 21 (a) Develop strategies and recommendations for reducing barriers
22 for international medical graduates obtaining residency positions in
23 Washington, including preresidency training;
- 24 (b) Make recommendations for the appropriate number of residency
25 positions to be designated for international medical graduates, and
26 the locations and specialties of those positions; and
- 27 (c) Make recommendations on the postresidency service
28 requirements for international medical graduates who graduate from a
29 designated residency position.
- 30 (3) Staff support for the work group must be provided by the
31 medical quality assurance commission.
- 32 (4) The work group must submit a report to the governor and the
33 legislature with its recommendations by December 1, 2019.
- 34 (5) This section expires June 30, 2020."
- 35 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Changes the due date of the report from June 30, 2020, to December 1, 2019.

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