

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5000

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning online access to health care resources for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Sponsors: Senators Palumbo, Rivers, Cleveland, Conway, Saldaña and Kuderer.

Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: In 2007 the University of Washington Health Sciences Library created the Health Evidence Resource for Washington (HEAL-WA) in response to a legislative mandate. HEAL-WA is an online health information database that contains evidence-based information providing health care professionals with resources and support when making patient care decisions. HEAL-WA contains clinical resources, full-text medical journals, decision support tools, and evidence-based reviews of procedures, drugs, and devices. Physicians, nurses, social workers, midwives, mental health professionals, and other licensed health care professionals have access to HEAL-WA. The professionals who have access to HEAL-WA are charged an additional licensing fee up to \$25, which is transferred to the University of Washington to fund the database.

Summary: Veterinarians and veterinary technicians may access HEAL-WA. The Department of Health must increase the licensing fee for veterinarians and veterinary technicians up to \$25 for access.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	95	0

Effective: July 28, 2019

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