

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5846** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Saldaña, Hasegawa, Randall, Nguyen, Wilson, C., Keiser, Das, Cleveland, and Dhingra)

READ FIRST TIME 03/01/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to the integration of international medical
2 graduates into Washington's health care delivery system; creating new
3 sections; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

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

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

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts
19 appropriated for this specific purpose, the international medical

1 graduate work group is established. The work group membership must
2 consist of the following members appointed by the governor:

3 (a) A representative from the medical quality assurance
4 commission;

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

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

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

11 (e) A representative from the Pacific Northwest University of
12 Health Sciences college of osteopathic medicine graduate medical
13 education program;

14 (f) A representative from a statewide association representing
15 physicians;

16 (g) A representative from the Washington state family medicine
17 residency network;

18 (h) A representative from a primary care health care employer in
19 a rural or underserved area of Washington;

20 (i) A representative from a health carrier offering coverage in a
21 rural or underserved area of Washington;

22 (j) A licensed physician with experience working with
23 international medical graduates;

24 (k) A representative from an organization specializing in refugee
25 advocacy in Washington;

26 (l) A representative from an organization serving refugee
27 physicians and international medical graduates;

28 (m) A representative from an organization offering counseling and
29 educational programs to internationally trained health professionals;

30 (n) A representative from an organization representing community
31 and migrant health centers; and

32 (o) At least two international medical graduates.

33 (2) The work group must:

34 (a) Develop strategies and recommendations for reducing barriers
35 for international medical graduates obtaining residency positions in
36 Washington, including preresidency training;

37 (b) Make recommendations for the appropriate number of residency
38 positions to be designated for international medical graduates, and
39 the locations and specialties of those positions; and

1 (c) Make recommendations on the postresidency service
2 requirements for international medical graduates who graduate from a
3 designated residency position.

4 (3) Staff support for the work group must be provided by the
5 medical quality assurance commission.

6 (4) The work group must submit a report to the governor and the
7 legislature with its recommendations by December 1, 2019.

8 (5) This section expires June 30, 2020.

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