

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5940 S SB	Title: Medical assistant-EMT cert.
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Health	0	0	0	0	0	870,000	0	0	1,388,000
Total \$	0	0	0	0	0	870,000	0	0	1,388,000

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Health	.1	0	0	29,000	3.3	0	0	763,000	4.1	0	0	857,000
Total \$	0.1	0	0	29,000	3.3	0	0	763,000	4.1	0	0	857,000

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Health	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5940 S SB	Title: Medical assistant-EMT cert.	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1				870,000	1,388,000
Total \$				870,000	1,388,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.2	0.1	3.3	4.1
Account					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	29,000	29,000	763,000	857,000
Total \$	0	29,000	29,000	763,000	857,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

The fiscal impact has not changed from the previous fiscal note on Senate Bill 5940. This substitute senate bill expands on section 3, adding the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician certification to the list of certifications that would be eligible for a Medical Assistant -EMT certification with no additional training if their certification is in good standing.

This bill establishes a Medical Assistant -EMT certification and requires the Department of Health (department) to adopt rules and specify minimum qualifications for the certification.

Section 3: Amends RCW 18.360.030 (Minimum qualifications—Rules—Review of other specialties) requiring the department to adopt rules and specify the minimum qualifications for the Medical Assistant -EMT certification.

Section 4(4): Amends RCW 18.360.040 (Certification and registration requirements) requiring the department to issue a certification as a Medical Assistant -EMT to qualified applicants.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Current law, RCW 43.70.250 (License fees for professions, occupations, and businesses) requires that a business-licensing program be self-supporting and sufficient revenue be collected through fees to fund expenditures. The department does not anticipate the need to increase licensing fees to support the changes proposed in this bill. The department will monitor the program fund balance and adjust fees over a six (6) year period to ensure that fees are sufficient to cover all program expenditures.

According to Washington Administrative Code WAC 246-12-020 (How to obtain an initial credential), a health care practitioner's credential expires on their birthday. To maintain an active license a Medical Assistant -EMT will be required to annually renew their license and pay the renewal fee on or before their birthday. Initial credentials issued within ninety days of the practitioner's birthday do not expire until the practitioner's next birthday. Based on this WAC, the department assumes 25% of initial credentials will require renewal within the same year as their application. The department assumes 2,202 initial applications in FY 2026 based on an average of Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic licenses. The department assumes an annual growth rate of 10% and a renewal rate of 50% starting in FY 2026.

The department assumes a fee of \$145 (application and renewal) which is consistent with medical assistant -certified, medical assistant -hemodialysis technician, and medical assistant -phlebotomist credentials.

FY 2026: \$359,000 (2,202 applications, 275 renewals)
FY 2027: \$511,000 (2,422 applications, 1,101 renewals)
FY 2028: \$642,000 (2,664 applications, 1,762 renewals)
FY 2029: \$746,000 (2,930 applications, 2,213 renewals)

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Rulemaking

Section 3: The department will develop and adopt rules to create minimum qualifications for the Medical Assistant -EMT certification. The department anticipates utilizing a team of subject matter experts to implement this bill. This team will

consist of the program manager and a community engagement specialist to identify underreached communities and engage them in the rulemaking process. This process will include two meetings with interested parties as well as one formal rules hearing, all held virtually, and will take approximately 12 months to complete. The department anticipates providing the rules hearing announcement and materials in both English and Spanish and providing ASL and Spanish interpretation services at the rules hearing.

Costs include staff, associated expenses (including goods and services, travel, intra-agency, and indirect charges), and Office of Attorney General support in the amount of \$4,000.

FY 2025 one-time costs will total 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (02G).

Office of Investigative and Legal Services

Section 4: Based on the department's work with Medical Assistants and Emergency Medical Technicians the department assumes a complaint rate similar to Emergency Medical Technicians for the Medical Assistant -EMT certification. With a complaint rate of 0.45% the department assumes 10 new complaints each year.

The complaint response process includes five steps: 1) intake, 2) assessment, 3) investigation, 4) case disposition, and 5) adjudication. Staff review the complaint, identify the history of the person complained about, and help assess whether an investigation is needed. In more than half the cases, investigation is needed. The investigator obtains information about the complaint and the respondent and prepares a report detailing the findings. After investigation, the disciplining authority decides whether to pursue legal action. Staff attorneys, paralegals, assistant attorney general and other staff work to develop the legal documents and charge the violation. Most cases are settled, and the staff attorney manages that process. If the respondent asks for a hearing, staff must schedule the hearing, and the health law judge considers all legal motions, presides over the hearing, and drafts the final order. Also, the Office of the Attorney General will represent the department at hearing and may provide advice throughout the disciplinary process.

Estimates for the complaint response process associated with this bill were calculated using the department's Disciplinary Workload Model. Costs include staff, associated costs (goods and services, intra-agency and indirect charges).

FY 2026 and ongoing, costs will total 0.3 FTE and \$38,000 (02G) each year.

Office of Customer Service

Section 4: The department will issue a credential for qualified Medical Assistant -EMT applicants. Costs will include staff time for credentialing employees to review and process applications, conduct background checks by running queries with the National Practitioner Databank and Washington State Patrol, provide technical assistance, and issue certificates for applicants on an estimated 2202 new applications in FY 2026, as well as renewals.

FY 2026, costs will total 2.5 FTE and \$277,000 (02G).

FY 2027, costs will total 3.0 FTE and \$318,00 (02G).

FY 2028, costs will total 3.5 FTE and \$361,000 (02G).

FY 2029 and ongoing, costs will total 3.8 FTE and \$396,000 (02G) each year.

Office of Information Technology

Section 4: Configuration in department's Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization System will require 98 hours from the integration vendor at a rate of \$270 per hour. Work will include the initial vendor configuration and agency staff time for ongoing maintenance of one new credential and one application as well as updating of reports, user defined fields, and workflows. Costs include staff, associated costs (goods and services, intra-agency and indirect charges), and vendor costs of \$27,000.

FY 2026, costs will total 0.2 FTE and \$64,000 (02G).

FY 2027, costs will total 0.2 FTE and \$28,000 (02G).

FY 2028 and ongoing, costs will total 0.1 FTE and \$12,000 (02G) each year.

Total costs to implement this bill are:

FY 2025 – 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (02G)

FY 2026 – 3.0 FTE and \$379,000 (02G)

FY 2027 – 3.5 FTE and \$384,000 (02G)

FY 2028 – 3.9 FTE and \$411,000 (02G)

FY 2029 – 4.2 FTE and \$446,000 (02G)

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
02G-1	Health Professions Account	State	0	29,000	29,000	763,000	857,000
Total \$			0	29,000	29,000	763,000	857,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.2	0.1	3.3	4.1
A-Salaries and Wages		13,000	13,000	429,000	517,000
B-Employee Benefits		5,000	5,000	176,000	214,000
C-Professional Service Contracts		1,000	1,000	26,000	
E-Goods and Other Services		9,000	9,000	77,000	65,000
J-Capital Outlays				6,000	
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		1,000	1,000	49,000	61,000
Total \$	0	29,000	29,000	763,000	857,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Fiscal Analyst 2	53,000				0.4	0.5
FISCAL TECHNICIAN 2	45,552				0.2	0.4
FISCAL TECHNICIAN LEAD	48,864				0.1	0.1
FORMS & RECORDS ANALYST 1	47,688				0.5	0.6
HEALTH CARE INVESTIGATOR 3	82,056				0.1	0.1
Health Services Consultant 1	58,104				0.8	0.9
Health Services Consultant 2	69,072				0.5	0.6
Health Services Consultant 3	78,120				0.4	0.5
Health Services Consultant 4	86,208		0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Health Svcs Conslt 1	53,000				0.2	0.3
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 4	86,208		0.1	0.1		
WMS02	118,932				0.1	0.2
Total FTEs			0.2	0.1	3.3	4.1

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Section 3: The department will adopt rules in WAC 246-827 (Medical Assistants) as necessary to implement the bill.



Ten-Year Analysis

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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

Estimates

No Cash Receipts

 Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts

 Indeterminate Cash Receipts

Estimated Cash Receipts

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	Fiscal Year 2032	Fiscal Year 2033	2024-33 TOTAL
Medical Assistant	02G			359,000	511,000	642,000	746,000	840,000	934,000	1,032,000	1,138,000	6,202,000
Total				359,000	511,000	642,000	746,000	840,000	934,000	1,032,000	1,138,000	6,202,000
Biennial Totals				870,000		1,388,000		1,774,000		2,170,000		6,202,000

Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

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Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

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