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SENATE BILL 5072

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By Senators Keiser, Rivers, Conway, Cleveland, Saldaña, Bailey, and Hasegawa

1 AN ACT Relating to graduate medical education; and amending RCW  
2 70.112.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.112.020 and 2015 c 252 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is established a statewide medical education system for  
7 the purpose of training resident physicians in family medicine.

8 (2) The deans of the schools of medicine shall be responsible for  
9 implementing the development and expansion of residency programs in  
10 cooperation with the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics  
11 located throughout the state. The schools of medicine shall support  
12 development of high quality, accredited, affiliated residency  
13 programs, giving consideration to communities in the state where the  
14 population, hospital facilities, number of physicians, and interest  
15 in medical education indicate the potential success of the residency  
16 program and prioritizing support for health professional shortage  
17 areas in the state.

18 (3) The medical education system shall provide financial support  
19 for residents in training for those programs which are affiliated  
20 with the schools of medicine and shall establish positions for  
21 appropriate faculty to staff these programs.

1 (4) The schools of medicine shall coordinate with the office of  
2 student financial assistance to notify prospective family medicine  
3 students and residents of their eligibility for the health  
4 professional loan repayment and scholarship program under chapter  
5 28B.115 RCW.

6 (5) The number of programs shall be determined by the advisory  
7 board and be in keeping with the needs of the state.

8 (6) In reviewing the development of new residency programs, the  
9 deans of the schools of medicine, the medical profession, hospitals,  
10 and clinics located throughout the state, in consultation with the  
11 advisory board, shall pursue opportunities to develop residency  
12 programs that would be enhanced by Spanish speaking residents who  
13 have graduated from either domestic or foreign medical schools.

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