# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

## **Health Care & Wellness Committee**

### **SB 5480**

**Brief Description**: Concerning submission of certain information by physicians and physician assistants at the time of license renewal.

**Sponsors**: Senators Conway and Keiser.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Requires physicians and physician assistants to submit demographic information to the Medical Quality Assurance Commission when renewing their licenses.

Hearing Date: 3/9/11

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

#### Background:

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC) licenses, establishes professional standards for, and disciplines physicians and physician assistants. Both physicians and physician assistants must renew their licenses every two years on forms approved by the MQAC. Neither physicians nor physician assistants are licensed by specialty and the MQAC does not currently collect information on the nature of their practices.

#### **Summary of Bill**:

The MQAC must request physicians and physician assistants to submit information about their current professional practice at the time of license renewal. This information may include practice setting, medical specialty, board certification, or other relevant data determined by the MQAC.

**Appropriation**: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.