

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## EHB 1076

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to a limited license to practice medicine.

**Brief Description:** Removing the two-year limited license renewal limit on teaching-research medical professionals.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Schual-Berke, Campbell, Cody, Skinner, Pennington, Ruderman, Kagi, Darneille, Edmonds, Marine, Edwards, McDermott, Haigh and Kenney.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Health Care: 1/23/01 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/27/01, 95-0.

Passed Senate: 4/9/01, 48-0.

Passed Legislature.

### Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill

- Repeals the two-year limitation on the duration of a limited license to practice medicine issued to teaching-research staff at the UW School of Medicine.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Campbell, Republican Co-Chair; Cody, Democratic Co-Chair; Schual-Berke, Democratic Vice Chair; Alexander, Ballasiotes, Conway, Darneille, Edmonds, Edwards, Marine, McMorris, Pennington and Ruderman.

**Staff:** John Welsh (786-7133).

### Background:

The state Medical Quality Assurance Commission is authorized by law to issue a limited license to practice medicine to a person who is invited to serve as a teaching-research faculty member at the University of Washington School of Medicine. The member must be a graduate of an approved medical school and hold a license to practice medicine.

The person may only practice within the confines of the instructional program. A limited license is renewable annually, but its maximum duration is limited to two years.

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**Summary of Bill:**

A limited license to practice medicine issued to a teaching-research member of the School of Medicine's instructional staff is renewable annually. The two-year maximum limit on the duration of a limited license is repealed.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Testimony For:** This bill is requested by the University of Washington School of Medicine. It facilitates the recruitment of non-resident physicians for filling faculty positions by assuring them longer tenure.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** (support) Jackie Der and Fred Cheney, University of Washington School of Medicine.