

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5601

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Health Care

**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:** By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Franklin, Winsley, Costa, Fraser and Kohl-Welles).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Health Care: 3/22/01, 3/23/01 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Substitute 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; Skinner, Republican Vice Chair; Alexander, Ballasiotes, 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 member of the staff at the University of Washington School of 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.

**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 The two-year maximum limit on the duration of a limited license is repealed.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:** Senator Thibaudeau, prime sponsor; and Jackie Der, University of Washington.