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1 AN ACT Relating to family practice residencies; amending RCW
2 70.112.020; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes there is a
5 severe shortage of family medicine physicians that persists in rural
6 and underserved areas of the state, and that there are challenges in
7 recruiting and retaining family practice physicians, in addition to
8 other health care providers in these areas.

9 (2) The legislature acknowledges that one factor limiting the
10 ability to recruit physicians is the lack of residencies available in
11 the state and in certain rural and underserved areas.

12 (3) The legislature recognizes that partnerships between the
13 University of Washington school of medicine and licensed hospitals or
14 medical clinics willing to sponsor residencies will support the
15 development and expansion of and expanding access to family medicine
16 residencies in rural and underserved areas such as southeastern
17 Washington, and throughout the state.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.112.020 and 2012 c 117 s 426 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) There is established a statewide medical education system for
4 the purpose of training resident physicians in family practice. The
5 dean of the school of medicine shall be responsible for implementing
6 the development and expansion of residency programs in cooperation with
7 the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics located throughout the
8 state. The chair of the department of family medicine in the school of
9 medicine shall ~~((determine where affiliated residency programs shall~~
10 exist)) support development of high quality accredited affiliated
11 residency programs; giving consideration to communities in the state
12 where the population, hospital facilities, number of physicians, and
13 interest in medical education indicate the potential success of the
14 residency program. The medical education system shall provide
15 financial support for residents in training for those programs which
16 are affiliated with the school of medicine and shall establish
17 positions for appropriate faculty to staff these programs. The number
18 of programs shall be determined by the board and be in keeping with the
19 needs of the state.

20 (2) For the purpose of recruiting and retaining primary care
21 physicians in rural communities in southeastern Washington and in other
22 rural and underserved areas of the state, and aligned with subsection
23 (1) of this section, the dean of the school of medicine shall support
24 the development of residency training programs in southeastern
25 Washington in partnership with a qualified hospital licensed in the
26 state that is willing to sponsor primary care training.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of six million six hundred thousand
28 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
29 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the general fund to the
30 University of Washington school of medicine. Of the amount
31 appropriated in this section, four million dollars is for the purpose
32 of expanding family medicine residencies in southeastern Washington and
33 two million six hundred thousand dollars is for the purpose of
34 expanding family medicine residencies throughout the state.

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