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By Senate Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Becker, Palumbo, Frockt, Dhingra, Darneille, Braun, Randall, Rivers, O'Ban, Keiser, Conway, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Das, Pedersen, Takko, Hunt, Zeiger, Carlyle, Liias, and Hasegawa; by request of Office of the Governor)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a behavioral health innovation
2 and integration campus within the University of Washington school of
3 medicine; adding new sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The legislature finds that there is a need for services for
9 individuals with behavioral health needs, and there is a shortage of
10 behavioral health workers in Washington state. The legislature
11 further finds that there is a need for a trained workforce that is
12 experienced in fully integrated care and able to address a full range
13 of needs, including primary care, mental health, substance use
14 disorder, and suicide prevention, in all health care specialties. The
15 legislature further finds that there is a need to support rural and
16 otherwise underserved communities around the state with timely
17 telepsychiatry specialty consultation.

18 The legislature further finds that the University of Washington
19 school of medicine department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences
20 is a nationally competitive program and has the expertise to
21 establish innovative clinical inpatient and outpatient care for

1 individuals with behavioral health needs while at the same time
2 training the next generation of behavioral health providers,
3 including primary care professionals, in inpatient and outpatient
4 settings. The legislature further finds that the University of
5 Washington school of medicine department of psychiatry and behavioral
6 sciences, along with the University of Washington schools of nursing,
7 social work, pharmacy, public health, the department of psychology,
8 and other relevant disciplines, are especially well-situated to take
9 on the task of developing this transformational service-oriented
10 programming.

11 Therefore, the legislature intends to partner with the University
12 of Washington to develop plans for the creation of the University of
13 Washington behavioral health innovation and integration campus to
14 increase access to behavioral health services in the state. Planning
15 for the campus should also include capacity to provide inpatient care
16 for up to one hundred fifty individuals who receive extended
17 inpatient psychiatric care at western state hospital under the
18 state's involuntary treatment act, chapter 71.05 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) A behavioral health innovation and integration campus is
22 created within the University of Washington school of medicine. The
23 campus must include inpatient treatment capacity and focus on
24 inpatient and outpatient care for individuals with behavioral health
25 needs while training a behavioral health provider workforce. The
26 training must include an interdisciplinary curriculum and programs
27 that support and encourage professionals to work in teams. The
28 training must use current best practices, including best practices in
29 suicide prevention, and encourage innovation of future best practices
30 in order to provide behavioral health care across the entire spectrum
31 of health care providers.

32 (2) The siting and design for the new campus should take into
33 account local community needs and resources, with attention to
34 diversity and cultural competence, a focus on training and supporting
35 the next generation of health care providers, and close coordination
36 with existing local and regional programs, clinics, and resources.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The University of Washington school of
38 medicine shall consult with collective bargaining representatives of

1 the University of Washington health system workforce and report to
2 the office of financial management and the appropriate committees of
3 the legislature by December 1, 2019, with plans on development and
4 siting of a teaching hospital to provide inpatient care for up to one
5 hundred fifty individuals to receive care under chapter 71.05 RCW.

6 (2) The plan may also include:

7 (a) Adding psychiatry residency training slots focused on
8 community psychiatry services to bring more psychiatrists to the
9 state of Washington and train them to work with rural and otherwise
10 underserved communities and populations;

11 (b) Expanding telepsychiatry consultation programs and initiating
12 telepsychiatry consultations to community-based hospitals, clinics,
13 housing programs, nursing homes, and other facilities;

14 (c) Initiating a fellowship program for family physicians or
15 other primary care providers interested in treating patients with
16 behavioral health needs;

17 (d) Initiating a residency program for advanced practice
18 psychiatric nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners
19 interested in community psychiatry;

20 (e) Creating practicum, internship, and residency opportunities
21 in the community behavioral health system;

22 (f) Developing integrated workforce development programs for new
23 or existing behavioral health providers, in partnership with training
24 programs for health professionals, such as primary care physicians,
25 nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, medical
26 assistants, social workers, mental health providers, chemical
27 dependency providers, peers, and other health care workers, that
28 prepare behavioral health providers to work in teams using evidence-
29 based integrated care that addresses the physical, psychological, and
30 social needs of individuals and families;

31 (g) Expanding the University of Washington forefront suicide
32 prevention's efforts as a center of excellence to serve the state in
33 providing technical assistance for suicide prevention and community-
34 based programs; and

35 (h) Incorporating transitional services for mental health and
36 substance use disorder needs, such as peer and family bridger and
37 navigator programs, and transitional care programs, from acute care
38 to nursing homes, enhanced services facilities, supportive housing,
39 recovery residences, and other community-based settings.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For purposes of siting and other land use planning, the
4 behavioral health teaching hospital under sections 2 and 3 of this
5 act is an allowable use in cities with a population of six hundred
6 thousand or more. No local comprehensive plan or development
7 regulation may preclude the siting of the behavioral health teaching
8 hospital in cities with a population of six hundred thousand or more.

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