

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5386**

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66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

TELEMEDICINE TRAINING

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Passed by the Senate March 4, 2019  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 4, 2019  
Yeas 93 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 17, 2019 1:06 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5386** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

April 18, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Cleveland, Rivers, O'Ban, Short, Braun, Wilson, L., Holy, Brown, Warnick, Bailey, Zeiger, Conway, and Van De Wege)

1       AN ACT Relating to training standards in providing telemedicine  
2 services; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6       (1) The legislature finds that a large segment of Washington  
7 residents do not have access to critical health care services.  
8 Telemedicine is a way to increase access to health care services to  
9 those who would otherwise not have reasonable access. The legislature  
10 therefore intends to ensure that health care professionals who  
11 provide services through telemedicine, as defined in RCW 70.41.020,  
12 in cities and rural areas alike, have current information available,  
13 making it possible for them to provide telemedicine services to the  
14 entire state of Washington.

15       (2) Beginning January 1, 2020, a health care professional who  
16 provides clinical services through telemedicine may complete a  
17 telemedicine training. By January 1, 2020, the telemedicine  
18 collaborative shall make a telemedicine training available on its web  
19 site for use by health care professionals who use telemedicine  
20 technology. If a health care professional completes the training, the

1 health care professional shall sign and retain an attestation. The  
2 training:

3 (a) Must include information on current state and federal law,  
4 liability, informed consent, and other criteria established by the  
5 collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine, in collaboration  
6 with the department and the Washington state medical quality  
7 assurance commission;

8 (b) Must include a question and answer methodology to demonstrate  
9 accrual of knowledge; and

10 (c) May be made available in electronic format and completed over  
11 the internet.

12 (3) The training may be incorporated into existing telemedicine  
13 training programs, provided that the training meets the requirements  
14 in subsection (2) of this section.

15 (4) For purposes of this section, a "health care professional"  
16 means a person licensed, registered, or certified to provide health  
17 services.

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