

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6163

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Extending the duration of the collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine.

Sponsors: Senators Becker, Cleveland, Fain, Bailey, Brown, Wilson, Short, Conway, Keiser and Kuderer.

Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: In July 2016, the Collaborative for the Advancement of Telemedicine (Collaborative) was established to enhance the understanding and use of health services provided through telemedicine and other similar models in Washington State. The Collaborative is hosted by the University of Washington Telehealth Services and is comprised of one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and representatives from the academic community, hospitals, clinics, and health care providers in primary care and specialty practices, carriers, and other interested parties. The board meetings must be public and meeting summaries must be available on a webpage.

The Collaborative is required to submit policy reports on December 1 of 2016, 2017, and 2018. The Collaborative terminates December 31, 2018.

Summary: The Collaborative terminates December 31, 2021, and is required to submit a final policy report on December 1, 2021.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: June 7, 2018

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