
SENATE BILL 6495

State of Washington

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By Senators Becker and Cleveland

1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the extension for community
2 healthcare outcomes program; adding a new section to chapter 28B.20
3 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 expand the extension for community healthcare outcomes program
7 (project ECHO) throughout the region. The legislature further intends
8 for the funding to be ongoing to sustain project ECHO and connect
9 medical specialists in several specialties with primary care
10 providers across the region using technology and case consultation.

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

13 The University of Washington medical school extension for
14 community healthcare outcomes program shall report to the health care
15 and fiscal committees of the legislature by January 1, 2019, and
16 annually thereafter on the program's activities. The reports must
17 include a summary of:

18 (1) The number of primary care physicians, advanced registered
19 nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physician assistants, and
20 other health care professionals who received training and

1 consultation services through the program during the preceding year
2 in the specialties of:

3 (a) Mental health care;

4 (b) Diabetes treatment;

5 (c) Telestroke care; and

6 (d) Chronic pain management, including opioid disorder treatment;

7 and

8 (2) The number of continuing education hours that each profession
9 could potentially accrue if continuing education credits are awarded
10 for participation in the program.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million dollars, or as much
12 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
13 ending June 30, 2019, from the general fund to the University of
14 Washington for the purposes of expanding the extension for community
15 healthcare outcomes program.

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