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**College & Workforce Development  
Committee**

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**HB 1942**

**Brief Description:** Increasing the availability of sexual assault nurse examiner education in rural and underserved areas.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Mosbrucker, Wylie, Cody, Smith, Dye, Van Werven and Graham.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires Washington State University (WSU) College of Nursing to establish a program to provide nurses with sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) online and clinical training.
- Requires WSU College of Nursing to establish a regional SANE leader pilot program to gather information and develop recommendations to increase the number of SANEs in the community.

**Hearing Date:** 2/19/19

**Staff:** Megan Mulvihill (786-7304).

**Background:**

A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse specially trained to provide evidentiary examinations of sexual assault victims. Although there is no state-issued license or endorsement for a SANE, the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) grants SANE certification to registered nurses who:

- complete training that meets the IAFN SANE Education Guidelines;
- meet clinical practice requirements;
- pass an examination; and
- comply with ongoing training requirements.

The only entity that offers SANE training in the state is Harborview Medical Center.

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## **Summary of Bill:**

### Online and Clinical Training Program.

Washington State University (WSU) College of Nursing must establish a program to increase the availability of qualified SANEs in eastern Washington. The program must include both online and clinical training. The online training resource must provide access to at least 40 hours of didactic training for nurses in rural and underserved communities. The clinical training site must train nurses in the United States Department of Justice's clinical training requirements. In addition, the program must provide scholarships for nurses to complete one or both of the trainings. The WSU College of Nursing must submit annual reports to the Legislature on the use and impact of the online and clinical trainings.

### Regional Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Leader Pilot Program.

The WSU College of Nursing must establish a regional SANE leader pilot program. The WSU College of Nursing must: (1) develop and train lead SANEs; and (2) assist in the development of support mechanisms and role requirements for regional lead SANEs. Participating regional lead SANEs must do the following:

- establish the number of active SANEs in their communities;
- report on the education needs of their community;
- produce recommendations on how to best increase the number of SANEs in their communities; and
- develop community-based action plans for SANE recruitment.

The WSU College of Nursing must submit annual reports to the Legislature on the impact of the pilot program with a final report due no later than January 1, 2023. The pilot program expires July 1, 2023.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 14, 2019.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.