

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6869

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As of February 6, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to reducing certain health professions' license fees.

**Brief Description:** Regarding the licensing fees for certain professions, occupations, and businesses.

**Sponsors:** Senators Oemig, Pridemore, Zarelli, Hobbs, Kohl-Welles, Keiser and Fraser.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 2/11/08.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Staff:** Maria Hovde (786-7710)

**Background:** The Secretary of Health (Secretary) and the various health profession boards and commissions regulate the 57 health professions. The Secretary is responsible for establishing fees for all of these regulated entities. Fees for each program must be established at the amount necessary to defray the costs of administering the program. Fees may be waived by the Secretary when it is determined that the fee is not in the best interest of public health and safety.

**Summary of Bill:** The Secretary must establish the amount of license and renewal fees at a rate not to exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the costs of administering the program, or \$100 per year, for professions meeting the following criteria: 1) the profession is a licensed profession; 2) there are fewer than 250 license holders in the profession; 3) the total cost of administering the program exceeds \$2,500 for each license holder in the profession; and 4) the Secretary finds that the services provided by the profession result in proven cost savings to the health care system.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 29, 2008.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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