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By Senators Cleveland, Becker, Palumbo, Frockt, Dhingra, Darneille, Braun, Randall, Rivers, O'Ban, Keiser, Conway, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Das, Pedersen, Takko, Hunt, Zeiger, Carlyle, Liias, and Hasegawa; by request of Office of the Governor

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a behavioral health innovation
2 and integration campus within the University of Washington school of
3 medicine; adding new sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The legislature finds that there is a need for services for
9 individuals with behavioral health needs, and there is a shortage of
10 behavioral health workers in Washington state. The legislature
11 further finds that there is a need for a trained workforce that is
12 experienced in fully integrated care and able to address a full range
13 of needs, including primary care, mental health, and substance use
14 disorder, in all health care specialties. The legislature further
15 finds that there is a need to support rural and otherwise underserved
16 communities around the state with timely telehealth specialty
17 consultation.

18 The legislature further finds that the University of Washington
19 school of medicine department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences
20 is a nationally competitive program and has the expertise to
21 establish innovative clinical inpatient and outpatient care for

1 individuals with behavioral health needs while at the same time
2 training the next generation of behavioral health providers,
3 including primary care professionals, in inpatient and outpatient
4 settings. The legislature further finds that the University of
5 Washington school of medicine department of psychiatry and behavioral
6 sciences, along with the University of Washington schools of nursing,
7 social work, pharmacy, public health, and other relevant disciplines,
8 are especially well-situated to take on the task of developing this
9 transformational service-oriented programing.

10 Therefore, the legislature intends to partner with the University
11 of Washington to develop plans for the creation of the University of
12 Washington behavioral health innovation and integration campus to
13 increase access to behavioral health services in the state. Planning
14 for the teaching campus should include: (1) Strengthening the
15 nationally competitive psychiatry residency program to bring more
16 psychiatrists to the state of Washington and training them to work
17 with rural and otherwise underserved communities and populations;
18 training other health care providers, such as primary care doctors,
19 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers,
20 counselors, and peers, to work in teams that can address the
21 physical, psychological, and social needs of individuals and
22 families; and (3) expanding the telepsychiatry consultation program.
23 Planning for the campus should also include capacity to provide
24 inpatient care for up to one hundred fifty individuals who currently
25 receive extended inpatient psychiatric care at western state hospital
26 under the state's involuntary treatment act, chapter 71.05 RCW.

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

29 A behavioral health innovation and integration campus is created
30 within the University of Washington school of medicine. The campus
31 must include inpatient treatment capacity and focus on inpatient and
32 outpatient care for individuals with behavioral health needs while
33 training a behavioral health provider workforce. The training must
34 include an interdisciplinary curriculum and programs that support and
35 encourage professionals to work in teams. The training must use
36 current best practices and encourage innovation of future best
37 practices in order to provide behavioral health care across the
38 entire spectrum of health care providers.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The University of Washington school of
2 medicine shall report to the office of financial management and the
3 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2019, with
4 plans on development and siting of a teaching hospital to provide
5 inpatient care for up to one hundred fifty individuals to receive
6 care under chapter 71.05 RCW.

7 (2) The plan may also include: (a) Adding psychiatry residency
8 training slots focused on community psychiatry services; (b)
9 initiating telehealth consultation to community-based hospitals,
10 clinics, housing programs, nursing homes, and other facilities; (c)
11 initiating a fellowship program for family physicians or other
12 primary care providers interested in treating the patients with
13 behavioral health needs; (d) initiating a residency program for
14 advanced practice psychiatric nurses and advanced registered nurse
15 practitioners interested in community psychiatry; and (e) developing
16 integrated workforce development programs for new or existing
17 behavioral health providers in partnership with training programs for
18 nurses, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, social workers,
19 other health care workers, and other workforce development efforts.

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