



Department of Health
2021-23 Second Supplemental Budget Session
Maintenance Level - FM - Fees to Maintain Services

Agency Recommendation Summary

The Department of Health (department) is requesting additional appropriation authority to maintain current levels of service. Many of the regulatory programs within the department are fully fee supported. The department is establishing new fees and increasing fees in several groups. The revenue from these fees will fund current levels of service and align with RCW 43.70.250.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2022	2023	2021-23	2024	2025	2023-25
Operating Expenditures						
Fund 02G - 1	\$0	\$1,912	\$1,912	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$1,912	\$1,912	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue						
02G - 0216	\$0	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0
02G - 0252	\$0	\$15	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$0
02G - 0258	\$0	\$1,892	\$1,892	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,912	\$1,912	\$0	\$0	\$0

Decision Package Description

The Department of Health administers and collects individual fees to pay for services to license health care professionals and facilities. Revenue from fees comprises 27% percent of the department's budget, a total of \$425 million in the 2021-23 biennium. Many of the fee-supported programs are designed to recover the full costs of the service and do not have any other sources of funding. The continuation of services as well as prudent fiscal management require fee levels to be reviewed periodically, as operating costs increase or decrease, and new work is required through legislation. This decision package requests changes to the department's fee authority for those fees which are not currently providing sufficient revenue to meet expenditure authority and program needs. The department conducts a comprehensive administrative review process with stakeholders when proposing a new fee or fee increase. The revenue from these fees will fund current levels of service.

Alternatives

RCW 43.70.250 requires that professions, occupations, and business licensing programs be fully funded by the members of that profession, occupation, or business. This request aligns the expenditure authority to the fee increase revenue estimates.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion, Reduction, Elimination or Alteration of a current program or service:

N/A

Detailed Assumptions and Calculations:

N/A

Workforce Assumptions:

N/A

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic Framework:

This program makes key contributions to Results Washington Goal 4: Healthy & safe communities. Adequate funding for these programs will help ensure timely credentialing and regulation of these health care practitioners and facilities, ultimately improving the health and safety of patients.

Performance Outcomes:

N/A

Equity Impacts

Community outreach and engagement:

Prior to any fee increases or the creation of new fees, extensive stakeholdering is conducted with the affected license holders, interested parties, organizations, commissions, or boards, to acquire buy-in for the fee changes.

Disproportional Impact Considerations:

This request will not impact disproportional communities and instead will provide access to all Washingtonians wishing to become licensed as health care professionals.

Target Populations or Communities:

All Washingtonians applying for or renewing a health profession license will benefit from this request. Without the appropriation authority requested the activities to provide licensing, certifications, technical assistance, inspections, and discipline may ultimately diminish access to health care for all Washingtonians.

Other Collateral Connections

Puget Sound Recovery:

N/A

State Workforce Impacts:

N/A

Intergovernmental:

N/A

Stakeholder Response:

N/A

State Facilities Impacts:

N/A

Changes from Current Law:

N/A

Legal or Administrative Mandates:

N/A

Reference Documents

[FeeRequestForm_DOH_-FY23 supplemental.xlsx](#)

[Fees to Maintain_FNCal_FY23ver23.2.xlsm](#)

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

Objects of Expenditure

Objects of Expenditure <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2022	2023	2021-23	2024	2025	2023-25
Obj. A	\$0	\$1,264	\$1,264	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$463	\$463	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. E	\$0	\$87	\$87	\$0	\$0	\$0
Obj. T	\$0	\$98	\$98	\$0	\$0	\$0

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