



**Agency Recommendation Summary**

The Department of Health (DOH) works to protect and improve the health of people in Washington, promote healthy behaviors, and maintain high standards for quality health care delivery. Many of the regulatory programs within the department rely on fees to support the services provided. The department is establishing new fees and increasing fees in several groups: see attached DOH Fee Request form for the list. Currently the fee groups, requesting increases, are not earning enough revenue to meet program needs. The revenue from these fees will fund current levels of service and the setting of new fees will align with RCW 43.70.250 (License Fees for Professions, Occupations, and Businesses).

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Summary <i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	Fiscal Years		Biennial	Fiscal Years		Biennial
	2024	2025	2023-25	2026	2027	2025-27
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>						
Fund 001 - 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>						
02G - 0207	\$2,161	\$2,161	\$4,322	\$2,161	\$2,161	\$4,322
02G - 0251	\$584	\$586	\$1,170	\$586	\$586	\$1,172
02G - 0252	\$303	\$315	\$618	\$315	\$315	\$630
02G - 0258	\$2,255	\$2,322	\$4,577	\$2,322	\$2,322	\$4,644
02G - 0278	\$39	\$21	\$60	\$21	\$21	\$42
02G - 0299	\$771	\$635	\$1,406	\$635	\$635	\$1,270
202 - 0299	\$147	\$166	\$313	\$166	\$166	\$332
Total Revenue	\$6,260	\$6,206	\$12,466	\$6,206	\$6,206	\$12,412

**Decision Package Description**

The Department of Health administers and collects individual fees to pay for services ranging from newborn screening, inspecting and testing water for bacteria, to licensing 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.

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:**

See attached Fee Request form

**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:**

N/A

### **Disproportional Impact Considerations:**

N/A

### **Target Populations or Communities:**

N/A

## 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

[2023-25FeeRequestForm.xlsx](#)

## 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

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