

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5983 S SB	Title: Syphilis treatment
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Washington State Health Care Authority	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Health	.1	0	0	29,000	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	0.1	0	0	29,000	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Washington State Health Care Authority	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Health	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5983 S SB	Title: Syphilis treatment	Agency: 107-Washington State Health Care Authority
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

See attached.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

See attached.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

See attached.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

HCA Fiscal Note

Bill Number: **5983 SSB**

HCA Request #: 24-107

Title: **Syphilis Treatment**

Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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HCA Fiscal Note

Bill Number: **5983 SSB**

HCA Request #: 24-107

Title: **Syphilis Treatment**

Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

SSB 5983 implements recommendations from the 2022 sexually transmitted infection and hepatitis B virus legislature advisory group for the treatment of syphilis.

Section 2 amends RCW 18.360, Medical Assistants to allow (1) medical assistants and (2) registered medical assistants to administer intramuscular injections for syphilis treatment under telehealth supervision.

Section 3 adds a new chapter to RCW 74.09, Medical Care, to:

- (1) Codify the practice of Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) into statute, which allows providers with diagnostic and prescriptive authority to legally prescribe medication to treat partners with sexually transmitted infections without examining the exposed patient or having an established provider and patient relationship with the patient if certain requirements are met;
- (3) Allow prescribing health care providers to prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide medication to the diagnosed patient under EPT for the patient to deliver to the diagnosed patient's exposed sexual partner or partners.

Section 4 to state this act takes effect immediately.

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

NONE

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

NONE

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditure

NONE

HCA Fiscal Note

Bill Number: **5983 SSB**

HCA Request #: 24-107

Title: **Syphilis Treatment**

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Apple Health

No fiscal impact.

This bill adds intramuscular injection for syphilis treatment, under supervision through audio and video telemedicine technology, to the authorized duties of medical assistant-certified and medical assistant-registered individuals (MAs). It also adds Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) for the treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) to health care providers' scope of practice. EPT would be the service where providers may prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to the individual patient's sexual partner or partners when the patient believes their exposed partner(s) will not or cannot attend a practitioner visit for STI treatment.

The change in scope of practice for MAs is not expected to generate any significant additional expenses. While allowing this change may increase access to treatment, these medical assistants are not billing providers within Apple Health and new services provided must still be supervised. But this may potentially generate new Federally Qualified Health Center encounters since a practitioner on telehealth counts as an encounter visit. Since the possibility of changes to encounter volume is currently unknown, HCA is not assuming any fiscal impact resulting from such change.

There may be a small degree of EPT program utilization by Apple Health clients. But since Apple Health will only be able to reimburse for EPT when the partner is also enrolled in Apple Health, and given the program's eligibility requirements, utilization would likely be very limited. Therefore, the addition of EPT is not expected to result in a consequential increase in Apple Health service-related costs.

Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) and School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) Programs

No fiscal impact.

The proposed legislation may increase the number of providers that are able to provide syphilis treatment. But HCA assumes that PEBB and SEBB members with syphilis already receive treatment, and therefore this bill is not expected to increase utilization or cost.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

HCA Fiscal Note

Bill Number: **5983 SSB**

HCA Request #: 24-107

Title: **Syphilis Treatment**

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout: Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

NONE

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5983 S SB	Title: Syphilis treatment	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Account					
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	29,000	29,000	0	0
Total \$	0	29,000	29,000	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This fiscal note has not changed from the previous fiscal note on 5983 PSSB. The substitute removes Local Health Officer (LHO) from definitions and removes the authorization requirement from LHO's and the Department of Health (department) for medical assistants to administer intramuscular injections for the purpose of treating syphilis without immediate supervision. The substitute also adds certified medical assistants to section 2, allowing them to administer intramuscular injections for the purpose of treating syphilis without immediate supervision. The department assumed the original bill would require rulemaking, therefore no change in fiscal impact.

This bill allows medical assistants with telehealth access to supervising clinician to provide intramuscular injections for syphilis treatment in the field for public health response efforts.

Section 2: Amends RCW 18.360.050 (Authorized duties) to include authorization for registered and certified medical assistants to administer intramuscular injections for the purpose of treating syphilis without immediate supervision if a health care practitioner is providing supervision through telemedicine technology.

Section 3: Adds a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW (Medical Care) to allow physicians and nurses with diagnostic authority to treat sexual partners of patients with confirmed sexually transmitted infections, without first examining the partner(s) or establishing a provider/patient relationship with the partner(s) if defined criteria are met.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Current law RCW 43.70.250 (License fees for professions, occupations, and businesses) requires the department to charge a fee to generate sufficient revenue to fully support the costs of administering its medical assistant licensing activities. The department does not anticipate the need to increase licensing fees to support the changes proposed in this bill. The department will monitor all program fund balances and adjust fees over a six (6) year period to ensure that fees are sufficient to cover all program expenditures.

As of July 1, 2023, the medical assistant program has a sufficient fund balance of roughly \$4,800,000 therefore the department does not anticipate raising fees to cover the costs to implement this bill.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Rulemaking

The department will develop and adopt rules to allow Medical Assistants to administer intramuscular injections for syphilis treatment without immediate supervision. The department anticipates utilizing a team of subject matter experts to implement this bill. This team will consist of the program manager and a community engagement specialist to identify underreached communities and engage them in the rulemaking process. This process will include two meetings with interested parties as well as one formal rules hearing, all held virtually, and will take approximately 12 months to complete. The department anticipates providing the rules hearing announcement and materials in both English and Spanish and providing ASL and Spanish interpretation services at the rules hearing.

Costs include staff, associated expenses (including goods and services, travel, intra-agency, and indirect charges), and

Office of Attorney General support in the amount of \$4,000.

FY 2025 one-time costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$29,000.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
02G-1	Health Professions Account	State	0	29,000	29,000	0	0
Total \$			0	29,000	29,000	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.2	0.1		
A-Salaries and Wages		13,000	13,000		
B-Employee Benefits		5,000	5,000		
C-Professional Service Contracts		1,000	1,000		
E-Goods and Other Services		9,000	9,000		
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		1,000	1,000		
9-					
Total \$	0	29,000	29,000	0	0

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 4	86,208		0.1	0.1		
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 4	86,208		0.1	0.1		
Total FTEs			0.2	0.1		0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

The department will adopt the rules in WAC 246-827 (Medical Assistant) to implement the rules as necessary to implement this bill.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 5983 S SB

Title: Syphilis treatment

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option: Authorizes a "local health officer" to determine the need to grant medical assistants-registered temporary authority to treat known or suspected syphilis infections
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

CHANGES BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:

Removed all of Sec. 2 and added new Sec. 3

SUMMARY OF CURRENT BILL:

Overview: Authorizes local health officers to determine the need to grant medical assistants-registered temporary authority to treat known or suspected syphilis infections.

Sections that impact local government:

Sec. 2 (Amends RCW 18.360.050):

(4) (j) (ii) Adds language that allows a medical assistants-registered to administer intramuscular injections for the purpose of treating known or suspected syphilis injection with immediate supervision if:

(A) A local health officer or the Department of Health has granted temporary authority under section 4 of this act

(B) a health care practitioner is providing supervision through interactive audio and video telemedicine technology in accordance with RCW 18.360.010 (12) (c)

Sec. 4 (New section in RCW 18.360):

(1) A local health officer (under RCW 70.50.070) or the department may determine the need to grant medical assistants-registered temporary authority to treat known or suspected syphilis infections under RCW 18.360.050 (4) (j) (ii) when:

(a) Total rates of infections for a county or specific subpopulation exceed those typically observed by more than 25%

(b) Affected population has difficulty accessing treatment or immunizations through existing sources of medical care and could potentially benefit from expanded outreach treatment or immunization

(2) Local health officers or the department must notify health providers when temporary authority begins and ends.

(3) Local health officers or the department must end the temporary authority when the rates of known or suspected syphilis infections no longer meet criteria in subsection (1)

(4) Before temporary authority is determined, the department must coordinate any localized communication, outreach, or response work with local health officers and local health jurisdiction

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURE IMPACTS BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:

There were no changes that would change the expenditure impact of the bill.

EXPENDITURE IMPACTS OF CURRENT BILL:

This bill would not impact local government expenditures. The authorization of local health officers to grant medical assistants-registered temporary authority to treat known or suspected syphilis infections is not outside the scope of their already established job tasks.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

CHANGES IN REVENUE IMPACTS BETWEEN THIS VERSION AND PREVIOUS BILL VERSION:

There were no changes made between versions that would change its revenue impact.

REVENUE IMPACTS OF CURRENT BILL:

This bill would not impact local government revenues.