

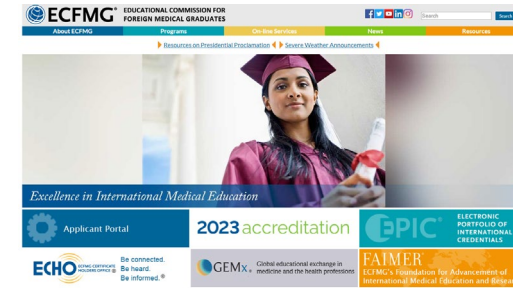
# Potential Licensure System Changes for IMG based on Senate Bill 5846

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# Steps before WMC:

- Medical School
- Certified ECFMG
- Two years post-grad residency
- OR
- Three years teaching and research license
- USMLE x 3 (within 7 years)
- Application for license



## Verification process:

- Medical School – check transcripts, when the degree posted and confirm date it was issued
- ECFMG – applicant must contact ECFMG and release the records to WMC
- Two years post-grad residency or three years teaching and research license – applicant must fill out a form (provided online by WMC) requesting the information be sent to WMC
  - (*This is the portion that is most difficult to verify as there are problems getting records if there is a break in the timeline i.e.: birth, marriage, move*)
- USMLE x 3 (within 7 years) – applicant must contact FSMB to release the records to WMC. Usually takes 24-48 hours.
- Background Check
- Or applicant can use Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS)

# WMC application:

- Applications – both limited and full
  - **Limited license** - RCW 18.71.095 (4):  
*“Upon nomination by the dean of an accredited school of medicine in the state of Washington or the chief executive officer of a hospital or other appropriate health care facility licensed in the state of Washington, the commission may issue a limited license to a physician applicant invited to serve as a teaching-research member of the institution's instructional staff if the sponsoring institution and the applicant give evidence that he or she has graduated from a recognized medical school and has been licensed or otherwise privileged to practice medicine at his or her location of origin”*
  - **Full license for Foreign graduates**- RCW 18.71.051
- Normal applications = review, final verification, issuance of license
- Abnormal = licensing panel review by commissioners, meets every 6 weeks.
  - Issue the full license, issue with conditions, allow to withdraw or deny
  - Denial goes to NPDB

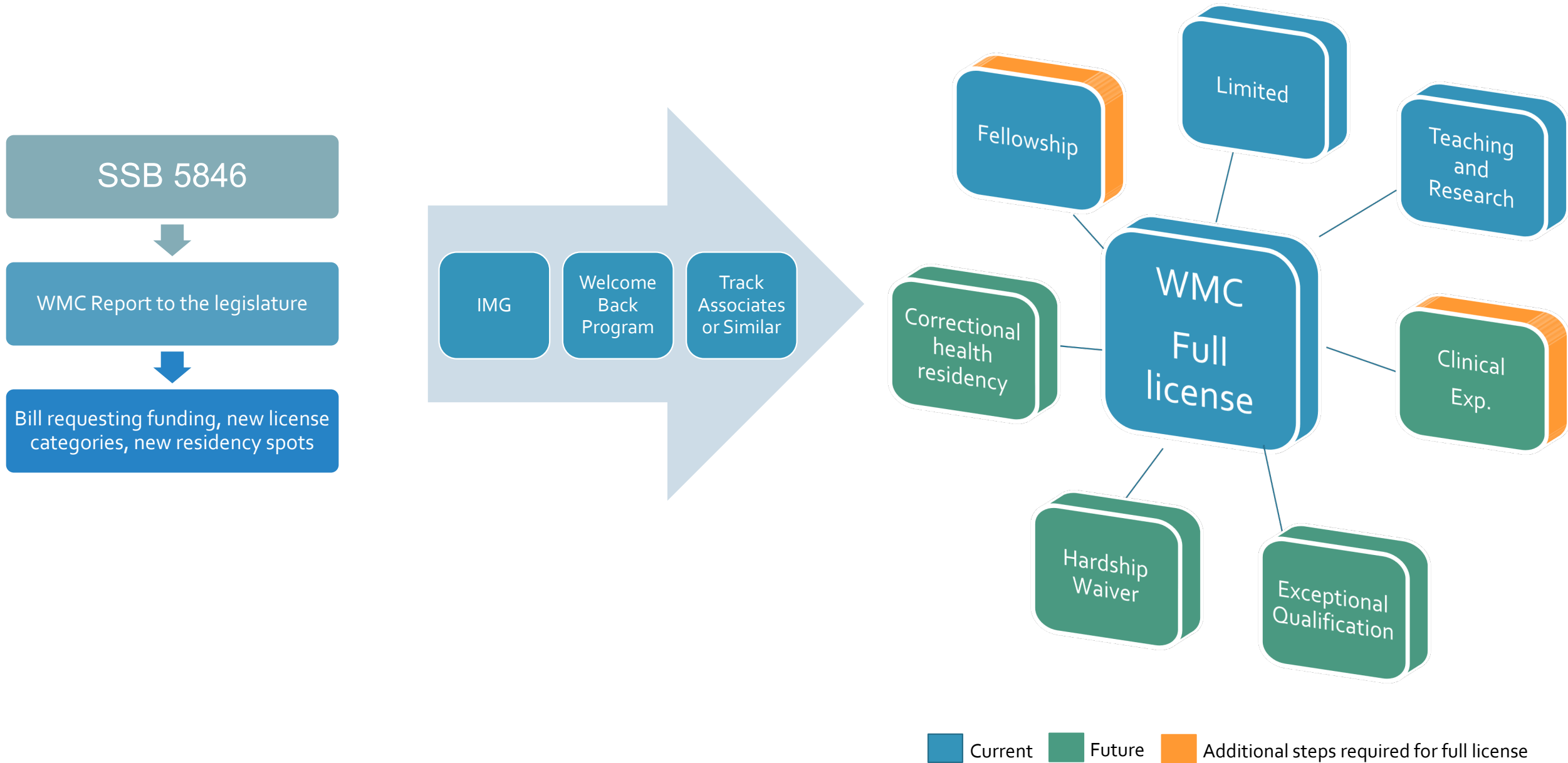
## New options to help IMG:

- Clinical Experience License – valid for one year, would allow a graduate to gain practice experience. Could be added to RCW 18.71.095 (4) such as...
  - “Upon designation of eligibility for the Welcome Back program or by WMC, including a required tuition-based foundations course from an accredited school of medicine in the state of Washington, an applicant may be licensed for the purpose of providing them with hands-on experience, if they can show previous completion of medical school, to assist them in matching with a residency program.”

## New options to help IMG continued:

- IMG Training Assistance Fund (IMG TAF) added to the General Budget
- Added residency opportunities in correctional health circumstances, partnering with the DOC
  - Board Certified residency carceral medicine
  - Addressing disparities in the correctional system
- Hardship Application - waive licensing requirements (significant drawbacks)
- Exceptional Qualifications application

# Potential licensing outcomes from SSB 5846 Workgroup



# Questions?

