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Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant Fee Overview

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Overview

- Senate Bill (SB) 5184 establishes the certified anesthesiologist assistant profession under RCW 18.223 and places them under the Uniform Disciplinary Act (chapter 18.130 RCW).
 - This certification is anticipated to become effective January 1, 2026.
 - The bill creates a profession to provide anesthetic care under the direction and supervision of an anesthesiologist as part of an anesthesia care team.
 - The profession will be placed under the regulatory authority of the Washington Medical Commission.
 - The bill requires the department and the WMC to adopt rules to establish licensing requirements, supervisory requirements, continuing education, and certification and renewal fees to regulate this new profession.

Licensing Assumptions

When setting a fee, the department considers the financial forecast of the program and sets a fee amount designed to align revenue with the cost of licensing and regulating the program. RCW 43.70.250 requires that the cost of each profession, occupation, or business be borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business through fees.

➤ Licensing Assumptions

- 40 total applications in the first year; 20 applications in subsequent years.
- Renewal rate: 86% estimated to be similar to other Washington Medical Commission professions (FN assumed 100%)
- Effective date: January 2026

Estimates are based on:

- Two-year renewal cycle (FN assumed a one year)
- Training program availability (11-15 schools currently provide required training)

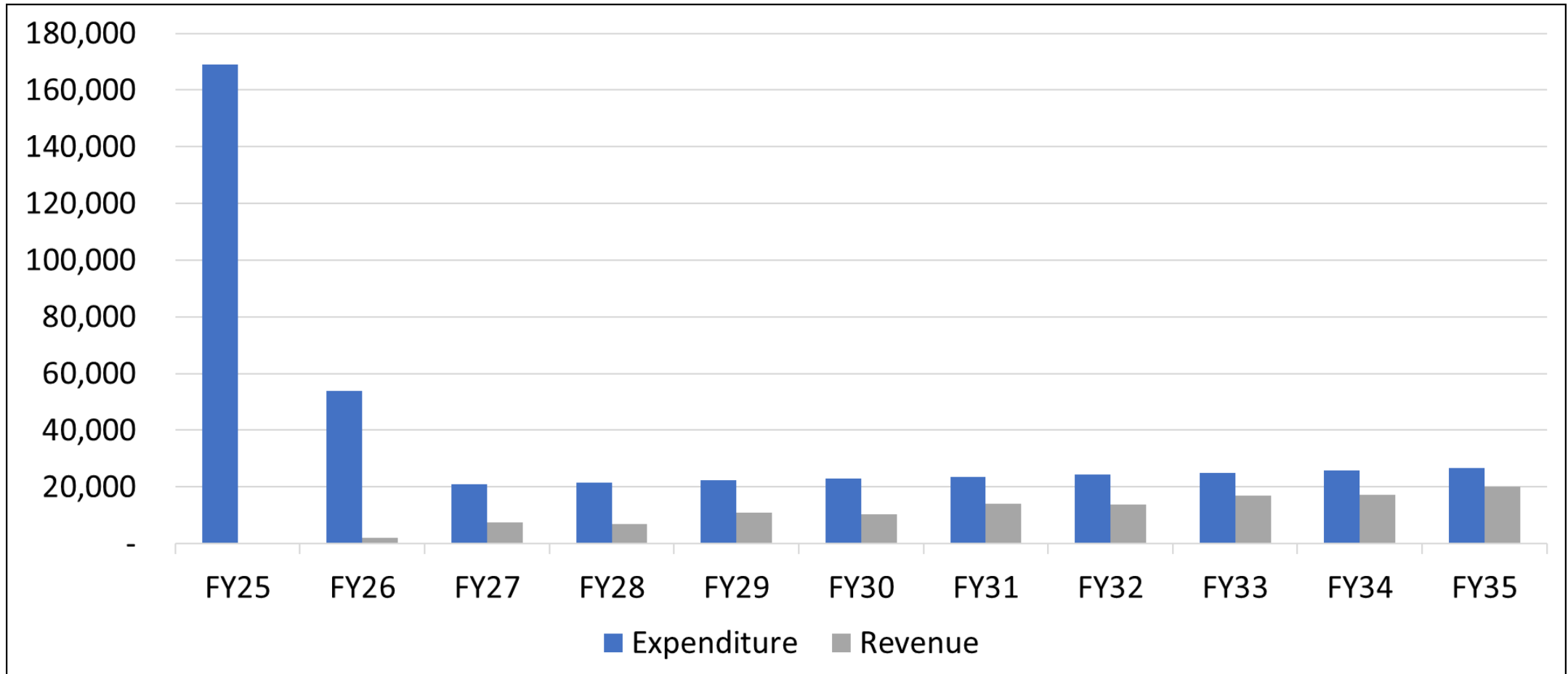
Expected Expenditures

The department estimates the following costs to the program:

Cost Category	2025	2026	2027+
Rulemaking	\$78,000	\$33,000	\$0
Technology	\$84,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Licensing	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Discipline	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total	\$169,000	\$54,000	\$21,000

During the implementation stage (FY25 and FY26), costs are heightened to reflect the additional staffing hours involved in initial rulemaking and IT configuration.

Projected Expenditures vs. Revenue



Fee Proposal and Recommendations

Fees are set on a 2-year renewal cycle at same level as Physician Assistants.

License	Fee Type	Base Fee	Other Fees	Total Fee
Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant	Application	\$50	\$86	\$136
	Two-year renewal	\$247	\$172	\$419
	Late renewal penalty	\$124	-	\$124
	Two-year renewal retired active	\$35	\$139	\$174
	Retired active late renewal penalty	\$35	-	\$35
	Verification	\$67	-	\$67
	Duplicate	\$15	-	\$15

The department reviews fees and monitors balances on an annual basis. As projections stabilize, the department will make adjustments to realign fees with expenses, as necessary.

Questions and Feedback