Agenda Item/Title: Authorize Filing of CR 101 for Fees

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Situation:
The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) will consider approving the filing of a CR 101 in order to update the fee chapter to align with the Commissions intent to move to a two year renewal period for all pharmacist, and pharmacy interns, technicians and assistants.

Background:
The Commission as part of their rule rewrite has chosen to move the professions credentialed by the Commission to a two year renewal period. The setting of fees falls under the authority of the Secretary so the fees cannot be updated under the Commission’s rule rewrite project. While this change would not actually lead to an overall increase in the fee the Legislature passed House Bill 1753 which amended RCW 34.05.310 to require all setting or adjusting of fees by the Department of Health to submit a pre-notice inquiry (CR-101) and proceed through the full rules process.

Assessment:
The authorization for staff to file a CR 101 must be approved in order for the fee rules to be updated to match the Commissions intent to move to a two year renewal period as stated in their draft rules.

Recommendation:
The staff recommends that the Commission:
- Approve staff to move forward with filing a CR 101.

Follow-up Action:
Document the Commission’s comments and/or any other suggestions made by the Commission at this meeting.