

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Response to WA State Dental Association's Report to the
Statewide Health Coordinating Council on SB 3100 and
HB 795, bottom paragraph of page 15.



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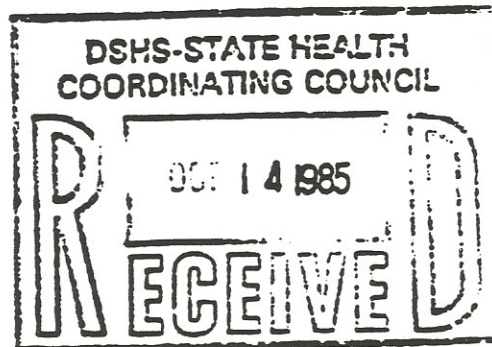
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HB - 32
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Dear Ms. Phillips:

This office is in receipt of a copy of testimony presented apparently to the Washington Legislative Body concerning licensing of denturists. The information on the testimony regarding Montana is incorrect and I would like to take this opportunity to correct those statements.

First, the denturists are funded under a special revenue fund as are all licensing boards within the Department of Commerce. Under a special revenue fund, fees collected are deposited to the board and are to be used for the administrative costs of the board operations. The denturists have not nor will they receive any taxpayer dollars, nor under the General Fund.

Second, statutes provide that all licensing boards must set fees commensurate with costs, therefore if board program is short of funds, the board then must raise license, examination or other fees to cover the cost of its program authorized by the Legislature (appropriation). No board can spend more than its appropriation and no board can borrow from the General Fund therefore no taxpayer support. Only the licensees of the board support the administration of the board.

Third, Legislation in H.B. 649 was not a nondentist bill. That piece of Legislation was drafted by myself and a staff attorney to make the law compatible with Department of Commerce procedures for administrative purposes only and at no time was it ever considered a ploy by anyone to my knowledge.

If further information is needed regarding administrative and funding procedures of the Board of Dentistry, I will glad to set the record straight.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Garrett,
Administrative Officer
Bureau of Professional Licensing