
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5321

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau, Wood, Fairley, Strannigan, Kohl, Oke and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving access for oral health care services
2 for rural and underserved populations; adding a new section to chapter
3 70.185 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.115 RCW; and making
4 appropriations.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The sum of three hundred thousand dollars,
7 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
8 biennium ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the department
9 of health for the purpose of awarding community-based oral health
10 grants that may fund sealant programs, education, prevention, and other
11 oral health interventions. Such grants may be awarded to state or
12 federally funded community and migrant health centers, tribal clinics,
13 or public health jurisdictions. Priority shall be given to communities
14 with established oral health coalitions. Grant applications for oral
15 health education and prevention grants must include: (1) An assessment
16 of the community's oral health education and prevention needs; (2)
17 identification of the population to be served; and (3) a description of
18 the grant program's predicted outcomes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of three hundred thousand dollars,
2 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
3 biennium ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the University
4 of Washington for the school of dentistry's senior dental extern
5 program, dental hygiene degree completion program, and graduate
6 pediatric dental program to serve rural and underserved children
7 through training programs at Yakima valley farmworkers clinic, Yakima
8 neighborhood health services, and other state or federally funded
9 community and migrant health centers, tribal clinics, and public health
10 jurisdictions throughout the state.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.185 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The department shall utilize the available funds in the recruitment
14 and retention program to target dentists and dental hygienists who wish
15 to practice in remote and underserved areas of the state.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.115
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 The board shall target dentists and dental hygienists who wish to
19 practice in remote and underserved areas of the state when allocating
20 funds for the loan repayment and scholarship program.

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