Washington State House of Representatives

BILL ANALYSIS

Office of Program Research

Health Care Committee

HB 1612

Brief Description: Modifying the licensing provisions for faculty members of the University of Washington dental school.

Sponsors: Representatives Kilmer, Skinner, Cody, Bailey, Murray, Haigh, Kenney, McDermott and Santos.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Expands the exception for obtaining a license to practice dentistry without an examination for full-time teaching faculty at the School of Dentistry of the University of Washington to apply to faculty who are not full-time employees.

Hearing Date: 2/18/05

Staff: Chris Blake (786-7392).

Background:

Applicants for a license to practice dentistry in Washington must present evidence of graduation from a dental school approved by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) and pass an examination approved by the Commission. There are several instances in which an individual may obtain a license to practice dentistry without taking an examination. One of these exceptions applies to situations where the Dean of the School of Dentistry of the University of Washington requests that the Commission issue a license to a dentist who is licensed in another state or country and is to be employed by the School of Dentistry as a full-time faculty member.

Summary of Bill:

The exception that allows full-time teaching faculty members employed by the School of Dentistry of the University of Washington to obtain a license to practice dentistry without taking an examination is expanded to include any teaching faculty members employed by the School of Dentistry.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.