

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1466 HB	Title: Dental auxiliaries	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.4	5.0	2.7	0.1	0.1
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	54,000	566,000	620,000	0	0
Health Professions Account-State 02G-1	0	0	0	24,000	24,000
Total \$	54,000	566,000	620,000	24,000	24,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 2: Adds a section restructuring the full dental hygiene license.

Section 3: Adds a new section to 18.29 RCW (Dental Hygienists) creating an expanded function endorsement for dental hygienists. Beginning January 1, 2024, the department must issue the endorsement to licensed dental hygienists who complete clinical training approved by the Secretary of Health (secretary), perform satisfactorily on an examination, if required by the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee), and completes an application form and pays application fees required by the committee.

Section 4: Adds a new section to 18.29 RCW (Dental Hygienists) creating three new endorsements for dental hygienists: (1) restorative expanded function endorsement; (2) anesthesia expanded function endorsement; and (3) nitrous sedation expanded function endorsement.

Section 5: All dental hygienists licensed as of January 1, 2024 will be issued the new endorsements created in Section 4.

Section 6: Amends RCW 18.29.190 (Initial limited license) changes dental hygienist initial limited license requirements. Adds a section removing the active practice requirement and change the license term from 18 months to 36 months.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Current law, RCW 43.70.250 (License fees for professions, occupations, and businesses.), requires the department to charge a fee to generate sufficient revenue to fully support the costs of administering its health professions licensing activities.

DENTAL HYGIENISTS: Section: 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6: Section 3 of the bill refers to application fees required by the committee for the new dental hygienist expanded function endorsement, however the secretary, not the committee, has authority to set fees for dental hygienists. Section 5 provides that all dental hygienists licensed as of January 1, 2024 will be issued the new endorsements, with no requirement stated for the existing licensees to submit any documentation or pay any fee. Additionally, most license endorsements issued by the department do not require a fee beyond the initial application and renewal fees for the parent license. Based on these factors, the department assumes there will be no fee required for the dental hygienist expanded function endorsements. The Dental Hygienist program's portion of the costs to implement this bill are \$490,000. As of July 1, 2022, the Dental Hygienist program fund balance is \$40,000 which is not sufficient to cover the program's portion of the costs to implement this bill. Because of this, the department assumes General Fund-State (GF-S) funding will be provided for bill implementation costs for the dental hygienist program.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Rulemaking

Section 2 - 6: The department will develop and adopt rules to revise the dental hygienist program. The department anticipates utilizing a team of subject matter experts to implement this bill. This team will consist of the program manager and a community engagement specialist to identify underreached communities and engage them in the rulemaking process. Based on the departments experience with prescribing rules, the department anticipates rulemaking to be complex. Complex

rulemaking will require a rules project coordinator to support subject matter experts and ensure timely completion of rulemaking. The department will conduct extensive community engagement to identify and reach out to specific groups that have historically experienced barriers to participation in rulemaking. The process will include six meetings with interested parties in addition to one formal rules hearing, all held virtually, and will take approximately 18 months to complete. The department anticipates providing the rules hearing announcement and materials in both English and Spanish and providing ASL and Spanish interpretation services at the rules hearing.

Costs include staff, associated expenses (including goods and services, travel, intra-agency, and indirect charges), and Office of Attorney General support in the amount of \$9,000.

FY 2024 costs will be 0.4 FTE and \$54,000 (GF-S)

FY 2025 costs will be 0.2 FTE and \$29,000 (GF-S)

Health Technology Solutions (HTS)

Section 2 - 6: Configuration in department's Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization System will require 198 hours from the integration vendor at a rate of \$262.50 per hour. Work will include the initial vendor configuration and agency staff time for ongoing maintenance of two new credentials and applications as well as updating of reports, user defined fields, and support.

FY 2025 costs will be \$53,000 (GF-S)

FY 2026 and ongoing, costs will be 0.1 FTE and \$12,000 (02G)

Office of Customer Service (OCS)

Sections 2 - 6: In FY 2025, credentialing and OCS operations staff will be required for the configuration and implementation of the new endorsements, making updates to the dental hygienist application, and issuing the new endorsements to an estimated 6,062 active dental hygienist licensees. There will also be impacts to the call center with additional calls and emails regarding the expanded function endorsements. Costs include staff, associated costs (goods and services, intra-agency, and indirect charges), and IT equipment for the additional staff.

FY 2025 costs will be 4.8 FTE and \$484,000 (GF-S)

Office of Investigations and Legal Services (OILS)

Sections 2 - 6: Due to the fact endorsements created by this bill would only expand the scope of dental hygienists with initial limited licenses and this bill is not expected to result in an increase in dental hygienist licenses, the department assumes no increase in discipline for dental hygienists.

TOTAL COST TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM:

FY 2024: 0.4 FTE and \$54,000 (GF-S)

FY 2025: 5.0 FTE and \$566,000 (GF-S)

FY 2026 and ongoing: 0.1 FTE and \$12,000 (02G)

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	54,000	566,000	620,000	0	0
02G-1	Health Professions Account	State	0	0	0	24,000	24,000
Total \$			54,000	566,000	620,000	24,000	24,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29	
FTE Staff Years	0.4	5.0	2.7	0.1	0.1	
A-Salaries and Wages	32,000	323,000	355,000	18,000	18,000	
B-Employee Benefits	12,000	135,000	147,000	4,000	4,000	
C-Professional Service Contracts		53,000	53,000			
E-Goods and Other Services	8,000	26,000	34,000	2,000	2,000	
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	2,000	29,000	31,000			
Total \$		54,000	566,000	620,000	24,000	24,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29	
Fiscal Analyst 2	53,000		0.7	0.4			
FORMS & RECORDS ANALYST 1	45,852		1.0	0.5			
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTAN 1	55,872		0.8	0.4			
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTAN 2	66,420		0.9	0.5			
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTAN 3	75,120		0.8	0.4	0.1	0.1	
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTAN 4	82,896	0.2	0.1	0.2			
Health Svcs Conslt 1	53,000		0.4	0.2			
MANAGEMENT ANALYST 4	82,896	0.2	0.1	0.2			
WMS02	114,360		0.2	0.1			
Total FTEs			0.4	5.0	2.7	0.1	0.1

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Sections 2 - 6: The department will adopt rules in Title 246.815 WAC (Dental Hygienists) as necessary to implement this bill.