

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SHB 2555**

**AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE,  
FEBRUARY 26, 1992**

**Brief Description:** Authorizing limited dental practice licenses for University of Washington dental residents.

**SPONSORS:** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Moyer, Braddock, Paris and Valle)

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators West, Chairman; M. Kreidler, Niemi, Sumner, and Wojahn.

**Staff:** Sarena Seifer (786-7417)

**Hearing Dates:** February 24, 1992; February 26, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

The state's only dental residency program, at the University of Washington, offers dental school graduates advanced training in general dentistry and oral surgery. These dental residents actually practice dentistry in connection with the requirements of the residency program. The Board of Dental Examiners currently has no authority to grant licenses to dental residents.

**SUMMARY:**

Upon the request of the dean of the University of Washington Dental School, the board is authorized to grant a limited license to university residents in post-graduate dental education to practice dentistry in connection with their duties. The limited license is renewable annually.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Dental residents technically practice dentistry and should be licensed to do so.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Sherman Cox, Department of Health (pro); Karl Omnell,  
University of Washington School of Dentistry (pro)