

SSB 5077 - S AMD 306

By Senators McCoy, Keiser

NOT ADOPTED 04/03/2015

1 On page 175, line 8, increase the General Fund--State (FY 2016)
2 appropriation by \$25,000

3 On page 175, line 9, increase the General Fund--State (FY 2016)
4 appropriation by \$25,000

5 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

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7 On page 177, after line 9, insert the following:

8 "(13) \$25,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal
9 year 2016 and \$25,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for
10 fiscal year 2017 are provided solely to the University of Washington
11 school of medicine dental health aid therapist program to provide
12 technical assistance, in collaboration with the governor's office of
13 Indian affairs, to federally recognized Indian tribes, tribal
14 organizations, and urban Indian organizations desiring to implement a
15 dental health aid therapist program in Washington. A dental health
16 aid therapist program implemented pursuant to this subsection shall
17 comply with the following requirements:

18 (a) A federally recognized Indian tribe, tribal organization, or
19 urban Indian organization is authorized to train, supervise, employ,
20 or contract with or for the services of a dental health aide,
21 including a dental health aide therapist, only in practice settings
22 operated by an Indian health program or an urban Indian organization;

23 (b) Dental health aides, including dental health aide therapists,
24 employed or contracted to perform services under this section:

25 (i) must be certified by either a federal community health aide
26 program certification board or by an Indian tribe that has adopted
27 equivalent or higher standards than those imposed by a federal

1 community health aide program certification board regarding
2 curriculum, training, scope of practice, continuing education, and
3 supervision requirements;

4 (ii) may perform only those procedures permitted under standards
5 adopted by a federal community health aide program certification board
6 or an Indian tribe that has adopted equivalent or higher standards
7 than those imposed by a federal community health aide program
8 certification board regarding scope of practice, continuing education,
9 and supervision requirements; and

10 (iii) are subject to any service limitations provided by the
11 Indian health care improvement act (25 U.S.C. Sec. 16161), and to any
12 applicable limitations written by the supervising dentist of the
13 dental health aide in standing orders.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, the terms "Indian tribe,"
15 "Indian health program," "tribal organization," and "urban Indian
16 organization" shall have the meaning given them in the Indian health
17 care improvement act (25 U.S.C. Sec. 1603).

18 (3) The health care authority is directed to coordinate with the
19 centers for medicare and medicaid services to ensure the dental health
20 aide services authorized in this section are eligible for maximum
21 federal funding of up to one hundred percent. It is the intent of the
22 legislature to ensure dental health aide services, including those of
23 dental health aide therapists, by Indian tribes, tribal organizations,
24 and urban Indian organizations are eligible for medicaid funding to
25 promote increased dental care access for persons served in these
26 practice settings in accord with the Indian health care improvement
27 act (25 U.S.C. Sec. 16161)."

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EFFECT:

- Provides funding to the School of Medicine Dental Health Aid Therapist program at the UW in collaboration with the Governor's Office to provide technical assistance to federally recognized Indian Tribe, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations desiring to implement a dental health aid therapist program in Washington.
- Specifies the requirements of a dental health aid therapist program.

- Directs the Health Care Authority to coordinate with federal CMS to ensure dental health aid services are eligible for the maximum federal funding of up to 100 percent.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$50,000 General Fund-State increase

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