

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5512

Board of Dentistry

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

SB 5512 is the budget bill for the Board of Dentistry.

The Board licenses and regulates dentists, dental hygienists, and dental therapists. The Board is supported mostly by biennial licensing and renewal fees, application fees, as well as civil penalties and other administrative charges.

The Education Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$4,690,136 Other Funds and seven positions (7.00 FTE), which is a decrease of 6.5% from the current service level. Due to a revenue shortfall, the budget eliminates one part-time Health Care Investigator position (0.62 FTE) and increases professional services on a one-time basis to hire an independent contractor investigator. The budget does not include limitation to continue participation in the Health Professionals' Services Program due to a lack of participation among licensees. Finally, a fee increase is included for biennial renewals and anesthesia permitting fees, which will leave the Board with four months of operating reserves at the close of the 2025-27 biennium. However, without an overall increase in licensees, the Board will likely need another fee increase in the 2027-29 biennium.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5512 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.