



EAIC March 27th Meeting

Answers to Committee questions, via Pat Murdow's email request

- HAD
 - Look into licensing comparisons and refund mechanism (see table on the back)
- Athletics
 - Can any of the items in failed legislation – SB363 – be amended by rule – No, we do not believe so.
 - We are currently looking into what other states do and are meeting with the boxing community on the 28th of March to discuss options they presented.
 - Services provided beyond licensing – BSD serves as the boxing commission which requires we provide staff for: Weigh-ins, fighter evaluations for bouts – matchups (this may include some minor investigation), at the fights (Monitor the fight, judges, taping of hands, minor facilitation of the fight, monitoring compliance of the rules (ie. Security, judges, physicians, corner staff, emergency medical tech)), report results to boxrec and fight facts, seek input and guidance from the ABC as well as other commissions on occasion.
- Number of boards that have had to borrow appropriation over the last 3 biennia
 - Documents were provided to Pat Murdow on March 26th at 11am.
- Did taking \$1MM from Building Codes have a detrimental effect
 - No this did not have any detrimental effect on building codes. The BCD's utilized excess authority from BC that was created as a result of the economic downturn and following recession. During this time BC's went through a reorganization and a reduction in overall staff due to the reduced workload. I also believe that BC's actually had appropriation remaining after the BCD's occurred, should they have needed to utilize it.
- Has appropriation authority been insufficient to cover board cost overruns in any previous years? No, to the best of our knowledge this has not been an issue in the past, but it is an issue this fiscal year and thus we are asking boards to minimize their expenses beyond their appropriation and make requests for additional appropriation in the next legislative session. The uptick in the economy has reduced the excess authority in BC's that was used to cover the boards in previous years.
- HAD – where there no complaints when services were suspended for 6 months - While the board was suspended we were referring complaints and complainants to OCP and sent complaints we had to them as well. A letter was sent to the complainant to inform them that the board had suspended services and informing them of how the division was proceeding and what other options they had.

- HAD – DOJ MOU – We have very recently received word that the MOU was finalized by DOJ, a copy has been signed by our staff and was sent back to DOJ. They will or may have already signed this MOU. I will also note that in the absence of this MOU complaints were being referred to DOJ due to the mutual understanding established through this process.

HAD Refund Comparison and ties to Audiologists

Montana	Idaho	North Dakota	South Dakota	Washington	Wyoming
Cancel within 30 days of date of delivery	Cancel within 30 days of date of delivery	Cancel within 30 days of date of delivery	Cancel within 30 days of date of delivery	Cancel within 30 days of date of delivery	Provide consumers with accurate and complete information regarding the extent and nature of services available to them.
Refund to the purchaser the hearing aid amount minus a 15% dispensing fee or \$250 whichever is less	Refund to the purchaser the hearing aid amount minus a 25 % dispensing fee	Any fee by the dispenser over the 15% of all expenses incurred in the fitting process must be returned to the purchaser	Refund to the purchaser the hearing aid amount minus a 10 % dispensing fee	Refund to the purchaser the hearing aid amount minus a 15% dispensing fee or \$125 whichever is less	Ensure that consumers are aware of fees and billing arrangements before rendering services.
Similar to Montana	Similar to Montana	Similar to Montana	Similar to Montana	Similar to Montana	Very General
Does not include Audiologists	Includes Audiologists	Includes Audiologists	Includes Audiologists	Includes Audiologists	Does Not include Audiologists

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