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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 10 (Senator Hafer) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

State Board of Dental Examiners - Subpoenas - Authority

This bill allows the administrator or an officer of the State Board of Dental Examiners to sign board-ordered subpoenas and administer oaths to witnesses in investigations and any hearings or proceedings before the board.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Only the board secretary is authorized to sign board-ordered subpoenas and administer oaths to witnesses in investigations and hearings or proceedings before the board. All health occupations boards have subpoena power. Who is authorized to sign board-ordered subpoenas varies by board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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