

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

WY-DENT Program Report (Dental Education Contract Program among the University of Wyoming, and the College of Dentistry at Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center) From the College of Health Sciences 1 OCTOBER 2008

[Pursuant to W.S. 21-17-119 (f) and (g)]

To the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

Program update

2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 103 (original Senate File 45) established a dental education contract program, informally referred to as WY-DENT. Pursuant to that legislation, the University entered into agreements with Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center under which the State of Wyoming through UW would pay the cost of attendance for up to five dental students at each institution. The program is patterned after the WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) medical education program. The residency requirement for WY-DENT students is the same as that for WWAMI students. A WY-DENT graduate can repay the payments Wyoming makes to the dental school on the student's behalf by practicing in Wyoming.

Ten students are enrolled at the Creighton University School of Dentistry, and eight are currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska. (Only four students were enrolled in the 2007 class and one of those dropped out of the program between the 1st and 2nd year.)

Required report

W.S. 21-17-119 (f) – Under this provision, which is identical to the statutory provision for WWAMI students, the University's Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, may relieve a student from repayment of a loan provided under this section for undue hardship. The provision requires the University to report to the Committee the number of students who have been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan. Since this is a new program and no students were enrolled in FY 2007, no student has been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan.

W.S. 21-17-119 (g) – Under this provision, which is identical to the statutory provision for WWAMI students, all loan repayments under this program are credited to an account (Dentistry School Student Account) to be invested by the University and the earnings thereon used exclusively for scholarships and support for dental students. This provision requires the University to report to the Committee regarding income and expenditures from this account during the preceding fiscal year. Since this is a new program, there have been no loan repayments.

Corpus in Dentistry School Loan Fund

Beginning balance	\$ -0-
Collections	\$ 94,500
Net gains to corpus	\$ -0 –
Total in corpus	\$ 94,500

Total Earnings (expendable)

Unexpended balance	\$ -0-
FY 08 earnings	\$ -0-
Total available for expenditure	\$ -0-

FY 08 Expenditures \$ -0-