

professionals. And the review process is three stages, a technical review by a technical committee of people knowledgeable, a State Board of Health review, and the State Director of Health. So there are, basically, three recommendations then sent on to us in separate reports.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Could you tell me the professions that are involved in those three groups.

SENATOR WESELY: It...well, the technical committee is appointed by the Director of Health, and there is representation from let's say, in this case, an optometrist, and an ophthalmologist would be involved, and then some independent parties that weren't directly involved, would be more independent, would be on the technical committee.

SENATOR ROBINSON: But they would be in the health professions, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: By and large, there could also be some...some citizen involvement. But by and large, they look for experts or some background in health to be on those technical committees. Then the State Board of Health is made up of a number of different professionals that are representing different professions in the health field, that are appointed to that board.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How is a decision reached then, if you have three different groups?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, each one makes their own decision. The technical committee reviews, makes a recommendation; goes to the Board of Health, they review it, they make their recommendation; and then all this goes on to the Director of Health, and he makes a recommendation, and then it comes back to us.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Actually, it comes from the Director of Health then, is that the...the recommendation does. He looks at the other...the three as a whole and then makes his...makes a recommendation to the committee.

SENATOR WESELY: Right. The way I look at it is you have, basically, three recommendations coming at you. If all...The way I look at it is if all three agree, then you pretty well have a pretty solid case.