

Alaska State Legislature



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Sponsor Statement for House Bill 240

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and providing for an effective date"

Each year, the Division of Legislative Audit reviews state boards and commissions to determine if they should be reestablished per AS 24.44. The Division of Legislative Audit reviewed the activities of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BCE). The purpose of this audit was to determine whether there is a demonstrated public need for BCE's continued existence and whether it has been operating in an effective manner.

The Division of Legislative Audit concluded that the board's termination date should be extended until June 30, 2022, as the concluded that the board's termination date should be extended as the BCE is serving the public's interest by effectively licensing and regulating chiropractors. The recommendations from the prior sunset audit (recommended the board improve the efficiency of its operations by ensuring board meeting discussions were limited to topics within its purview) have been resolved. The Division of Legislative Audit makes two new recommendations:

- a. The Office of the Governor appoint board member in accordance with statute.
Currently, one public board member does not meet the statutory requirements for appointment "One member of the board shall be a person with no direct financial interest in the health care industry."
- b. CBLP should continue efforts to improve the investigative case management system's integrity and confidentiality.

I urge your support on this legislation to allow the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to continue to carry out their duties to effectively license and regulate chiropractors and to protect and promote the public health, welfare, and safety of Alaskans.