

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

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Title: ARCH, ENG, SURVEYORS; REG INT DESIGN
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: (S) FINANCE

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Corporations, Business and Professional
Licensing
Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional
Licensing
OMB Component Number: 2360

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY2027 Appropriation Requested | Included in Governor's FY2027 Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | | |
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| | | | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 | FY 2030 | FY 2031 | FY 2032 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 112.9 | | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 |
| Travel | | 66.8 | 66.8 | 66.8 | 66.8 | 66.8 | 66.8 | 66.8 |
| Services | 50.7 | 0.5 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 46.5 |
| Commodities | 12.0 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | |
| Total Operating | 175.6 | 67.3 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

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| 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF) | 175.6 | 67.3 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 |
| Total | 175.6 | 67.3 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 |

Positions

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|-----------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Full-time | 1.0 | | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Part-time | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | |

Change in Revenues

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| 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF) | 175.6 | 67.3 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 |
| Total | 175.6 | 67.3 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 | 228.2 |

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/27

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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| Division: <u>Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing</u> | Date: <u>03/20/2026</u> |
| Approved By: <u>Hannah Lager, Administrative Services Director</u> | Date: <u>03/20/26</u> |
| Agency: <u>Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development</u> | |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 246 primarily creates an optional registration (or license) for certain interior designers under the Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors ("board"). This bill also codifies the existing executive administrator position in statute and specifies a salary at range 23; however, this does not create a new cost because the position is already compensated at that level. This bill will also extend statutory authorization for the board from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2033. Adoption of the bill will continue existing activities by the board and administration by the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. Failure to adopt the bill will result in the division assuming all licensing responsibility in FY2027.

If this bill passes, the following expenses will be incurred:

Personal Services:

\$112.9 One full-time Licensing Examiner 2, range 15, located in Juneau, to support the new interior designer registration

Travel:

\$66.8 Annual travel for 11 board members and one staff member to attend up to four board meetings per year beginning in FY2027 and beyond

Services:

\$25.0 Statewide and allocated core services costs for one position in FY2027 and beyond
\$20.0 Department of Law costs related to investigations in FY2027 and beyond
\$0.4 Annual advertising of public notice of board meetings in FY2027 and beyond
\$1.0 Annual training and conference fees beginning in FY2027 and beyond
\$0.1 Annual stipends for board members beginning in FY2027 and beyond
\$4.7 Department of Law regulations review in FY2027 only

Commodities:

\$10.0 One-time set up costs equipment and space for one position in FY2027
\$2.0 Ongoing supply and equipment costs beginning in FY2027 and beyond

The approximate cost of a license cannot be calculated solely from the additional costs identified in this fiscal note. Under AS 08.01.065(f), fees must be the same for all occupations regulated by this board. A fee analysis would be required to determine any cost increase for all license types under the program. Registered interior designers licensed under this legislation would share in department and division overhead costs and core service charges, and licensees in the board's other regulated professions would also bear a portion of the costs identified in this fiscal note.

Annual board expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$706.8 with revenue from license fees covering those expenses. Current schedules of revenues and expenditures for licensing programs are located online at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/DivisionReports.aspx>

If this legislation is not passed and the board sunsets, the department would continue to require access to expertise in these professions. Replacing the expertise currently provided by volunteer board members with professional service contracts may increase the annual costs of this program, resulting in increased license fees. No professional licensing board has sunset in recent years, so reasonable estimates of this cost are unknown.

Professional licensing programs within the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are funded by Receipt Supported Services, fund source 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF). Per AS 08.01.065, licensing fees for each occupation are set so the total amount of revenue collected approximately equals the occupation's actual regulatory costs.