

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 211(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/9/26

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors;
2 extending the termination date of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy; extending
3 the termination date of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate
4 Examiners; extending the termination date of the Real Estate Commission; extending
5 the termination date of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers; extending the
6 termination date of the Board of Social Work Examiners; relating to reports on the
7 Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners and the Board of
8 Certified Real Estate Appraisers; and providing for an effective date."

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

10 * **Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(6) is amended to read:

11 (6) Board of Professional Counselors (AS 08.29.010) - June 30, 2032
12 [2026];

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.03.010(c)(11) is amended to read:

2 (11) Board of Marital and Family Therapy (AS 08.63.010) - June 30,
3 2034 [2026];

4 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.03.010(c)(18) is amended to read:

5 (18) Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners
6 (AS 08.86.010) - June 30, 2031 [2026];

7 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.03.010(c)(19) is amended to read:

8 (19) Real Estate Commission (AS 08.88.011) - June 30, 2030 [2026];

9 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.03.010(c)(20) is amended to read:

10 (20) Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers (AS 08.87.010) -
11 June 30, 2032 [2026];

12 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.03.010(c)(21) is amended to read:

13 (21) Board of Social Work Examiners (AS 08.95.010) - June 30, 2034
14 [2026];

15 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
16 read:

17 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT: REPORTS. By the first day of the First Regular Session of
18 the Thirty-Sixth Alaska State Legislature, the legislative audit division established under
19 AS 24.20.241 shall submit reports to the legislative budget and audit committee established
20 under AS 24.20.151 concerning compliance by the Board of Psychologist and Psychological
21 Associate Examiners and the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers with the
22 recommendations of the April 17, 2025, and June 5, 2025, audits of the boards conducted
23 under AS 44.66.

24 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
25 read:

26 EXEMPTION FROM AS 44.66.050(e). This Act is exempt from the provision of
27 AS 44.66.050(e) that prohibits a bill from continuing or reestablishing more than one board or
28 commission.

29 * **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
30 read:

31 RETROACTIVITY. This Act is retroactive to June 30, 2026.

1 * **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



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SB 211-EXTEND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors; extending the termination date of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy; extending the termination date of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners; extending the termination date of the Real Estate Commission; extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers; extending the termination date of the Board of Social Work Examiners; relating to reports on the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners and the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers; and providing for an effective date."

Summary of Changes ver. A to ver. G

Page 1, lines 4-5: Bill title is amended by adding the extension of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers and additional reports required of the Boards of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

Page 2, lines 9-11, New Section 5: Amends AS 08.03.010(c)(20) extending the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers from 2026 to 2032.

Page 2, lines 12-14, Section 6: Renumbered from Version A, Section 5.

Page 2, lines 15-23, New Section 7: Adds new section of uncodified law directing the Legislative Audit Division to submit reports by the first day of the Thirty-sixth Alaska State Legislature to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee concerning compliance by the Boards of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners and of Certified Real Estate Appraisers with the State's 2025 audits' recommendations.

Page 2, lines 24-28, Section 8: Renumbered from Version A, Section 6.

Page 2, lines 29-31, Section 9: Retroactive date is changed to June 30, 2026.

Page 3, line 1, Section 10: Renumbered from Version A, Section 8.



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Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 211

Ver. G

Extend Occupational Licensing Boards

Senate Bill 211 proposes extending the sunset date of six State professional boards, those of Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapy, Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners, Real Estate Commission, Certified Real Estate Appraisers, and Social Work Examiners.

Last year, the State Division of Legislative Audit completed sunset audits of these boards. Each of the audits concluded that the boards served the public's interest by conducting meetings in accordance with state law and actively amending regulations as needed.

The audit of the Board of Professional Counselors recommended that the legislature extend the board's termination date by six years. The audit of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy recommended extending the board's termination date by eight years. The audit of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Examiners recommended that the board's termination date be extended by five years. The audit of the Real Estate Commission recommended that the commission's termination date be extended by four years. The audit of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers recommended that the legislature extend the board's termination date by six years. And finally, the audit of the Board of Social Work Examiners recommended that the board's termination date be extended by eight years.

SB 211 follows the audits' recommended extensions for each of these State professional boards so that they can continue their important role in serving the public's interest. It also provides for interim reports to the Legislature concerning compliance by two of the boards with audit recommendations, the boards of psychologist examiners and real estate appraisers.

I urge your support of Senate Bill 211.



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SB 211 Extend Occupational Licensing Boards

Sectional Summary - Version G

Section 1: Amends AS 08.03.010(c)(6) to extend the sunset date of the Board of Professional Counselors to June 30, 2032.

Section 2: Amends AS 08.03.010(c)(11) to extend the sunset date of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy to June 30, 2034.

Section 3: Amends AS 08.03.010(c)(18) to extend the sunset date of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Examiners to June 30, 2031.

Section 4: Amends AS 44.66.010(a)(19) to extend the sunset date of the Real Estate Commission to June 30, 2030.

Section 5: Amends AS 08.03.010(c)(20) to extend the sunset date of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers to June 30, 2032.

Section 6: Amends AS 08.03.010(c)(21) to extend the sunset date of the Board of Social Work Examiners to June 30, 2034.

Section 7: Adds new section directing the Legislative Audit division to submit reports by the first day of the Thirty-sixth Alaska State Legislature to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee concerning compliance by the Boards of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners and of Certified Real Estate Appraisers with the State's 2025 audits' recommendations.

Section 8: Exempts this act from AS 44.66.050(e), allowing this act to reestablish more than one board or commission.

Section 9: Makes this act retroactive to June 30, 2026.

Section 10: This act has an immediate effective date.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSSB 211(L&C)
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(S) Publish Date:	2/9/2026

Identifier: SB211-DCCED-CBPL-01-30-26
 Title: EXTEND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
 Sponsor: LABOR & COMMERCE
 Requester: (S) LABOR & COMMERCE

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					
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel		113.4	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.4	84.0
Services		11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	8.8
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	92.8

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)		124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	92.8
Total	0.0	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	92.8

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)		124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	92.8
Total	0.0	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	92.8

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? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Division:	Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing	Date:	01/30/2026
Approved By:	Hannah Lager, Administrative Services Director	Date:	01/30/26
Agency:	Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Analysis

SB 211 extends statutory authorization for the Board of Professional Counselors to June 30, 2032; the Board of Marital and Family Therapy to June 30, 2034; the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners to June 30, 2031; the Real Estate Commission to June 30, 2030; and the Board of Social Work Examiners to June 30, 2034. Adoption of the bill will allow these boards and commission to continue their existing activities with the administrative oversight by the division. Failure to adopt the bill will result in a one-year wind down of the boards in FY2027, and the division will assume all licensing responsibility in FY2028.

If the bill passes the following expenses will be incurred:

Travel:	\$21.0	The Board of Professional Counselors: 5 board members, to attend four meetings per year
	\$21.0	Board of Marital and Family Therapy: 5 board members, to attend four meetings per year
	\$21.0	Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners: 5 board members, to attend four meetings per year
	\$21.0	Board of Social Work Examiners: 5 board members, to attend four meetings per year
	\$29.4	Real Estate Commission: 7 commission members to attend four meetings boards per year through FY2031
Services:	\$5.0	Advertising of public notice of board meetings
	\$5.0	Training and conference fees
	\$1.0	Stipends for board members attending board meeting in community of residence

FY2032 costs are reduced by the cost of the Real Estate Commission as the extension of the commission only extends it through FY2030, with FY2031 being the wind down year were the commission not extended in FY2030.

Annual expenditures are estimated at approximately \$269.9 for the Board of Professional Counselors, \$71.4 for the Board of Marital and Family Therapy, and \$196.3 for the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners. The Real Estate Commission projects annual expenditures of about \$537.8, and the Board of Social Work Examiners is estimated at \$307.6. All professional licensing board activities are fully supported by revenue from license fees.

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 boards sunset, the department would continue to require access to expertise in the profession. Replacing the expertise currently provided by volunteer board members with professional service contracts may increase the annual costs of these programs, resulting in increased license fees. No professional licensing board has sunset in recent years, so reasonable estimates of these costs are unknown and would vary by profession.

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.

The State's audits can be found at:

Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners;

https://legaudit.akleg.gov/wp-content/docs/audits/sunset/20147_BPPE_Final%20_Web.pdf

Board of Marital and Family Therapy;

https://legaudit.akleg.gov/wp-content/docs/audits/sunset/20143_MFT_Final_Web.pdf

Board of Professional Counselors;

<https://legaudit.akleg.gov/wp-content/docs/audits/sunset/dcced/Professional-Counselors-Final-WEB.pdf>

Board of Social Work Examiners;

<https://legaudit.akleg.gov/wp-content/docs/audits/sunset/dcced/Social-Work-Examiners-Final-WEB.pdf>

Real Estate Commission;

<https://legaudit.akleg.gov/wp-content/docs/audits/sunset/dcced/Real-Estate-Commission-Final-WEB.pdf>

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

<https://legaudit.akleg.gov/wp-content/docs/audits/sunset/dcced/Certified-Real-Estate-Appraisers-Final-WEB.pdf>