

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2025 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB054CSSL(L&C)-DCCED-CBPL-03-21-25  
Title: EXT ARCH, ENG, SURVEY BRD; 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)

|                               | FY2026<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2026<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                               |                                      |  | FY 2026                 | FY 2027      | FY 2028      | FY 2029      | FY 2030      | FY 2031      |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Personal Services             | 101.7                                | 182.7  | 284.4                   | 284.4        | 284.4        | 284.4        | 284.4        | 284.4        |
| Travel                        | 9.1                                  | 57.7   | 66.8                    | 66.8         | 66.8         | 66.8         | 66.8         | 66.8         |
| Services                      | 49.8                                 | 21.5   | 46.5                    | 46.5         | 46.5         | 46.5         | 46.5         | 46.5         |
| Commodities                   | 12.0                                 | 2.0  | 4.0                     | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          |
| Capital Outlay                |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Grants & Benefits             |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Miscellaneous                 |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total Operating</b>        | <b>172.6</b>                         | <b>263.9</b>                                   | <b>401.7</b>            | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF) | 172.6        | 263.9        | 401.7        | 401.7        | 401.7        | 401.7        | 401.7        | 401.7        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>172.6</b> | <b>263.9</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> | <b>401.7</b> |

**Positions**

|           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Full-time | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Part-time |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Temporary |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**Change in Revenues**

|                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF) | 172.6        | 263.9        | 264.5        | 264.5        | 264.5        | 264.5        | 264.5        | 264.5        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>172.6</b> | <b>263.9</b> | <b>264.5</b> | <b>264.5</b> | <b>264.5</b> | <b>264.5</b> | <b>264.5</b> | <b>264.5</b> |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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? 07/01/26

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Updated to reflect the inclusion of the executive administrator and the Department of Law costs related to investigations in FY2026.

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| Division:    | Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing | Date:  | 03/21/2025    |
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| Agency:      | Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development   |        |               |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSSSB054(L&C)

Analysis

SB 54 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 specifies a salary range 23 for the executive administrator. Additionally, this bill will add two new members to the board, increasing the board to 13 members. 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 a one-year wind down of the board in FY2026, and the division would assume all licensing responsibility in FY2027.

The cost of the current board is reflected in the "included in the Governor's FY2026 Request" column and in FY2027 and future years as the board is extended. If this bill passes, the following expenses will be incurred:

- Personal Services:                 \$101.7 One full-time Licensing Examiner 2 (range 15) located in Juneau to support the new interior designer registration.
  
- Travel:                                 \$9.1 Annual travel for two new board members (two meetings and one conference) in FY2026 and beyond.  
   \$57.7 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 (\$25.0/year).  
   \$20.0 Department of Law costs related to investigations in FY2026 and beyond.  
   \$4.7 Department of Law regulations review in FY2026 only.  
   \$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 new board members beginning in FY2026 and beyond.
  
- Commodities:                         \$10.0 One-time set up costs, equipment, and space for one position in FY2026.  
   \$2.0 Ongoing supply and equipment costs.

The approximate cost of a license cannot be calculated solely based on the additional costs identified in this fiscal note. Per AS 08.01.065(f), fees must be the same for all occupations regulated by this board. A fee analysis would be completed to determine the cost of a license. Registered interior designers licensed under this legislation would bear a portion of department and division overhead costs and core service charges; licensees of the other occupations regulated by this board would bear a portion of the costs in this fiscal note.

Annual board expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$297.5 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 the profession. 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.*