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Title: MEDICAL CARE/LICENSING/MEDICAL BOARD
Sponsor: GIESSEL
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)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	177.8		177.8	177.8	177.8	177.8	177.8	177.8
Travel	1.5		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Services	49.5		45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
Commodities	23.5		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	252.3	0.0	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	252.3		225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3
Total	252.3	0.0	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	252.3		225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3
Total	252.3	0.0	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3	225.3

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/19

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated to reflect new positions on page one.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 108 establishes a licensing program for certified medical assistants, which would allow them to practice as medical assistive personnel. The legislation allows certified medical assistants to act as delegates to access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program on behalf of prescribing physicians. The bill also authorizes the board to set standards for delegation of routine duties to unlicensed assistive personal.

This bill would streamline the medical application process and improve licensure processing times, while ensuring public safety, by allowing the board to grant additional authority for the issuance of medical licenses and temporary permits. It also removes the requirement that applicants provide their duration of residence on their applications.

According to Department of Labor statistics, there are approximately 1,600 certified medical assistants currently working in Alaska with approximately 475 new positions projected annually. One full-time licensing examiner (located in Juneau) is needed to process those applications.

One full-time Records and Licensing Supervisor is needed to implement this program. Currently, one existing Records and Licensing Supervisor is spread among numerous programs; only part of that position's time is dedicated to medical programs. As a result of the addition of the certified medical assistant license type, the workload related to medical programs supports a dedicated Records and Licensing Supervisor.

If the bill passes the following expenses will be incurred:

Personal Services: \$177.8 (2 full-time positions)

Travel: \$1.5 (1 training session per year)

Services: \$10.0 (annual legal review)

\$5.0 (annual investigations)

\$4.5 (regulations project in the first year)

\$30.0 (annual core services & allocated costs)

Supplies: \$20.0 (set up for new employees in the first year)

\$2.5 (postage in the first year)

\$1.0 (office supplies)

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