

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
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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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>						
Personal Services							
Travel		113.4	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.4	84.0
Services		11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	8.8
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>92.8</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)		124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	92.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>92.8</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)		124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	124.4	92.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>92.8</b>

**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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### 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.*