



Division of Legislative Audit

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SUMMARY OF: A Sunset Review on the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners (BPPA), October 28, 2009

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

In accordance with Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), we have reviewed the activities of BPPA. The purpose of this audit was to determine if there is a demonstrated public need for its continued existence and if it has been operating in an effective manner. As required by AS 44.66.050(a), this report shall be considered by the committee of reference during the legislative oversight process in determining whether BPPA should be reestablished. Currently under AS 08.03.010(c)(18), BPPA will terminate on June 30, 2010. If the legislature does not extend the termination date for the board, BPPA will have one year from that date to conclude its administrative operations.

REPORT CONCLUSIONS

BPPA is operating in an efficient and effective manner and should continue to regulate the psychology profession. The board is safeguarding the public interest by ensuring the competence and integrity of those who present themselves to the public as psychologists and psychological associate examiners. We recommend the legislature extend the board's termination date to June 30, 2018, the maximum extension allowed in statute.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. DCCED Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing's administrative officer should take steps to ensure courtesy licensees comply with reporting requirements.
2. The division's professional licensing administrative officer should take steps to improve administrative support.
3. BPPA and staff within the Office of the Governor should work together to increase the pool of qualified applicants available for board appointments to ensure full representation.



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