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Title: EXTEND BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
Sponsor: THOMPSON
Requester: (H) 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)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel		24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1
Services		1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)		25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6
Total	0.0	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)		25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6
Total	0.0	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

HB 126 extends statutory authorization for the existing Board of Public Accountancy to June 30, 2029. Adoption of the bill will continue existing activities by the board and administration by the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL). Failure to adopt the bill would result in a one-year wind down of the board in FY2022, with CBPL assuming all licensing responsibility in FY2023.

If the bill passes the following expenses will be incurred:

Travel: \$24.1 (7 board members and 1 staff member, to attend four board meetings per year)
Services: \$0.4 (advertising of public notice of board meetings)
\$1.0 (training and conference fees)
\$0.1 (stipends for board members attending board meeting in community of residence)

Annual expenditures for the licensing program are estimated to be approximately \$358.2 with revenues from license fees covering those expenses. Regardless of whether this bill passes, activities and costs of the licensing program will continue (approximately \$332.6 per year). Current schedules of revenues and expenditures for CBPL licensing programs are located online at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/5/pub/FY21-2ndQtr-AllBoards.pdf>.

If this legislation is not passed and the board sunsets, CBPL 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 CBPL 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.