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SB 193

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"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; requiring a report on audit compliance by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and providing for an effective date"

The Division of Legislative Audit reviewed the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BCE). The purpose of this audit was to determine whether or not there is a demonstrated public need for BCE's continued existence and whether it has been operating in an effective manner. As a result of this audit, our auditors concluded that the board's termination date should be extended until June 30, 2027.

Legislative Audit makes two new recommendations:

- a. The Office of the Governor should appoint board members in accordance with statute. Currently, one public board member does not meet the statutory requirements for appointment
- b. The Department should continue efforts to improve the investigative case management system's integrity and confidentiality.

Additionally, this bill also adds a section of uncodified law to have the legislative audit division submit a report to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee concerning the compliance of the Board within one year after the effective date.

I urge your support on this legislation to allow the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to continue to carry out their duties of effectively licensing and regulating Chiropractors and to protect and promote the public health, welfare, and safety of Alaskans.

Please contact my staff, Madison Govin, at 465-2828 with any further questions.