

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2023 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 126  
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Identifier: HB126-DCCED-CBPL-03-24-23  
Title: ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELORS  
Sponsor: WRIGHT  
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)

	FY2024 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2024 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Personal Services	93.1		93.1	93.1	93.1	93.1	93.1
Travel							
Services	27.9		25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Commodities	10.0						
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	131.0		118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>

## Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	131.0		118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.1</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2023) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) 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? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/24

## 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

This legislation will establish licensure for associate counselors under the Alaska Board of Professional Counselors ("board"). The requirements for the associate counselor will be prescribed by the board in regulation. A number of other provisions are moved from statute to regulation as well, such as the requirements to be approved as a counselor supervisor and creation/authorization of an associate counselor program. This legislation also expands the requirements to qualify for a professional counselor license by allowing for successful completion of an associate counselor program as an alternative to the current requirement for 3,000 hours of supervised experience; and the removal of the requirement for two letters of reference from licensed professional counselors.

If the bill passes the following expenses will be incurred and paid from Receipt Supported Services, fund code 1156 (RSS 1156). The division would require one Occupational Licensing Examiner (OLE) to review and process applications.

Personal Services:                   \$93.1 for one full-time Occupational Licensing Examiner (R14) (RSS 1156)

Services:                               \$2.9 to amend regulations, legal review, printing, and postage (RSS 1156) (FY2024 only)  
\$25.0 in each year for core services charges (RSS 1156)

Commodities:                       \$10.0 for one-time set up costs for OLE (RSS 1156) (FY2024 only)

*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. The total amount of revenue collected approximately equals each occupation's actual regulatory costs.*