

Fiscal Note

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 COUNSELORS
 Sponsor: WRIGHT
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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)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	93.1		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	25.0
Commodities	10.0							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	131.0	0.0	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	131.0		118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1
Total	131.0	0.0	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1

Positions

Full-time	1.0		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	118.1
Total	131.0	0.0	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1	118.1

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/25

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated from SLA 2023 to SLA 2024 fiscal note template.

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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) in FY25 and beyond
- Services: \$2.9 to amend regulations, legal review, printing, and postage in FY25 only
 \$25.0 in core services charges in FY25 and beyond
- Commodities: \$10.0 for one-time set up costs for new position in FY25 only.

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. Professional licensing programs within the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are funded by Receipt Supported Services – fund source 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF).