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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)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	101.7		101.7	101.7	101.7	101.7	101.7	101.7
Travel	9.1	57.7	66.8	66.8	66.8	66.8	66.8	66.8
Services	29.7	21.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5
Commodities	10.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	150.5	79.2	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	150.5	79.2	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0
Total	150.5	79.2	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0

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)	150.5	79.2	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0
Total	150.5	79.2	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0	217.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/26

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

SB 54 primarily creates an optional registration (or license) for certain interior designers under the Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors. Additionally, this bill will add two new members to the board, increasing the board from 11 members to 13. SB 54 will also extend statutory authorization for the Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2033. 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 will result in a one-year wind down of the board in FY2026, and the division would assume all licensing responsibility in FY2027.

In this fiscal note, costs related to the new position, associated core service costs, and travel for the new board members are show in all years. The cost of the current board is shown in the "Included in the Governor's FY2026 Request" column, and in FY2027 and future years as the board is extended.

If the bill passes, the following expenses will be incurred:

- Personal Services:** \$101.7 One full-time Licensing Examiner 2 (range 15) located in Juneau to support the new interior designer registration.
- Travel:**
 - \$ 9.1 Annual travel for two new board members (two meetings and one conference) in FY2026 and beyond.
 - \$ 57.7 Annual travel for eleven board members and 1 staff member to attend up to four board meetings per year beginning in FY2027 and beyond.
- Services:**
 - \$ 25.0 Statewide and allocated core services costs for one position (\$25.0 / year).
 - \$ 20.0 Department of Law costs related to investigations in FY2026 and beyond.
 - \$ 4.7 Department of Law regulations review in FY2026 only.
 - \$ 0.4 Annual advertising of public notice of board meetings.
 - \$ 1.0 Annual training and conference fees.
 - \$ 0.1 Annual stipends for board members.
- Commodities:**
 - \$ 10.0 One-time set up costs for equipment and space for one position in FY2026.
 - \$ 2.0 Ongoing supply and equipment costs.

The approximate cost of a license cannot be calculated solely based on the additional costs identified in this fiscal note. Per AS 08.01.065(f), fees must be the same for all occupations regulated by this board. A fee analysis would be completed to determine the cost of a license. Registered interior designers licensed under this legislation would bear a portion of department and division overhead costs and core service charges; licensees of the other occupations regulated by this board would bear a portion of the costs in this fiscal note.

Annual Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$297.5 with revenue from license fees covering those expenses. Current schedules of revenues and expenditures for licensing programs are located online at:
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/DivisionReports.aspx>

If this legislation is not passed and the board sunsets, the department 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 CBPL are funded by Receipt Supported Services, fund source 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF). Per AS 08.01.065, licensing fees for each occupation are set so the total amount of revenue collected approximately equals