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HB 163

February 26, 1991

Representative Georgianna Lincoln
Chair of the House Health, Education
and Social Services Committee
PO BOX V STATE HOUSE
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Lincoln:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Alaska Psychological Association with regard to the Alaska statutes as they relate to the Psychological Associate license. Specifically, I am requesting that the educational requirement for the Psychological Associate be increased from a minimum of a Masters Degree consisting of twenty four semester hours to a minimum of a Masters Degree consisting of forty eight hours.

As you may know, the Psychological Associate license allows those holding a Masters Degree in psychology to practice psychology in Alaska. Alaska is one of approximately five states in the country that allow those holding the Masters Degree in psychology to be licensed, thus providing quality control with regard to whom may practice.

In order to be licensed, Psychological Associates must first practice under the supervision of a Psychologist (someone who holds a Doctorate Degree and is licensed by the the state) for a period of three years. After successfully completing the supervision requirement they are then eligible to sit for the written examination. This examination consists of two parts, an objective portion that is used throughout the country, and an essay portion which covers ethics and legal issues specific to the practice of psychology in Alaska. The test is the same as that taken to be licensed as a Psychologist, but the passing score is substantially lower. After being licensed, Psychological Associates must remain under the supervision of a Psychologist for five years after which they may apply to practice independently.

The difference between Psychologists and Psychological Associates is that Psychologists have two to three more years

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of formal training at the graduate level, and have a far broader base of education and thus typically perform a wider variety of services. These include evaluations based upon information derived from psychological testing, and therapy to individuals, groups and families. In addition many Psychologists serve as expert witnesses in court, and do evaluations in the correctional system. Some Psychologists specialize in rehabilitation of those with brain injuries or disease and evaluate neurological capabilities. Psychologists provide services in hospitals, as well as out patient settings.

Psychological Associates may do any of these activities provided they have the necessary training. As a general rule however, most Psychological Associates limit their practice to psychotherapy, and generally restrict their practice to outpatient work.

The Alaska Psychological Association is recommending that the educational requirement for Psychological Associates be increased for two reasons. The first is that when first written, the statute required that Psychological Associates remain under the supervision of a psychologist in order to practice. With the higher level of responsibility that comes with completely independent practice that the law now allows, should come a higher level of training.

The second reason for the requested change is that since the law was written, the amount of knowledge has expanded sufficiently to warrant an increased educational requirement. There continues to be a wide disparity between the requirements for earning a masters degree. While some schools require as many as ninety semester hours of credit, others require less than the twenty four specified for licensure. Twenty four hours of credit is the equivalent of only eight classes, seven classes if credit is given for writing the masters thesis. When viewed in that respect it is apparent that one can just begin to scratch the surface of the current body of knowledge with only twenty four hours of credit. It is clearly not enough to practice independently.

The University of Alaska has increased its requirements for the masters degree to forty eight hours. Those trained in that program will be able to meet this requirement. Those pursuing licensure without the required course work can enroll in graduate courses offered at The University of Alaska and Alaska Pacific University. For those living in rural areas, there are several extended degree programs that a number of Alaskans are enrolled in which allow their

students to do much of the required work independently and attend short intensive seminars Outside on a regular basis. While these programs require a high degree of commitment and time, that is the price that anyone holding an advanced degree has been required to pay.

The Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates is in support of this change, and has in fact been working toward it for some time now. They have advised me that they have experienced problems doing so due to time constraints and difficulty arranging the necessary hearings to make the change administratively. Because this is a year that the Psychology License is being reviewed for continuation by the legislature, it is a good time to consider this change legislatively. The bill for continuation is HB 163 to extend the Psychology License for another four years. Please consider amending to bill to include an increase in the educational requirement for Psychological Associates to forty eight semester hours as I have discussed above.

I hope that this letter has clarified the position the Alaska Psychological Association is taking with regard to this issue. Please feel free to contact me or our lobbyist, Sharon Macklin, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Joel B. Wieman Ph.D
Legislative Coordinator
Alaska Psychological Association

CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

The Division of Occupational Licensing, Department of Commerce & Economic Development, is funded primarily by program receipts generated from licensing fees. All licensing programs share in the responsibility of covering a percentage of the administrative costs based on the number of current licensees (156 psychologists and psychological associate licensees) divided by the total number of current division licensees (29,108). In FY 92, costs for the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners are projected as follows:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Personal Services: | | |
| - Administrative costs | 5.7 | |
| - 25% Licensing Examiner | 10.6 | |
| - 10% Investigative | <u>5.0</u> | |
| Sub-Total: | | \$21.3 |
| Travel: | | |
| - Administrative | .3 | |
| - Board Travel | <u>5.0</u> | |
| Sub-Total: | | \$ 5.3 |
| Contractual: | | \$ 2.9 |
| Supplies: | | \$.3 |
| Equipment: | | <u>\$.0</u> |
| TOTAL: FY 92 Costs | | \$ 29.8 |
| <u>Average Annual Revenue:</u> | | \$ 11.9 |

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| CATEGORY | TOTAL | PSYCH |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| NUMBER OF LICENSEES | 29,108 | 156 |
| PERCENT OF LICENSEES | 100% | 0.54% |
| PERSONAL SERVICES | | |
| Administrative | 982,185 | 5,264 |
| Direct Support | 266,763 | |
| # of Licensing Examiners | 12.5 | 25% |
| Examiner Pay/Benifits | 530,072 | 10,601 |
| # of Investigator | 7.5 | 10% |
| Investigator Pay/Benifits | 447,633 | 4,974 |
| % of Hearing Examiner | 100% | 0.59% |
| Hearing Examiners w/o RE | 85,173 | 505 |
| Real Estate Hearing Examiner | 42,435 | |
| SUB TOTAL | 2,312,778 | 21,344 |
| TRAVEL/PER DIEM | | |
| Administrative | 60,400 | 324 |
| Board Meetings | 227,184 | 5,000 |
| SUB TOTAL | 287,584 | 5,324 |
| CONTRACTUAL SERVICES -ADMINISTRATIVE | | |
| Professional Services | 136,168 | 730 |
| Communications | 155,530 | 834 |
| Transportation | 10,000 | 54 |
| Advertising/Printing | 128,300 | 688 |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 30,700 | 165 |
| Rental | 46,900 | 251 |
| Other (Memberships) | 37,700 | 202 |
| SUB TOTAL | 545,298 | 2,922 |
| CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - DESIGNATED | | |
| Professional Services | 0 | |
| Communications | 0 | |
| Transportation | 0 | |
| Advertising/Printing | 0 | |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 0 | |
| Rental | 0 | |
| Other (Memberships) | 0 | |
| SUB TOTAL | 15,402 | 0 |
| CONTRACTUAL TOTAL | 560,700 | 2,922 |
| SUPPLIES | | |
| Administrative | 45,747 | 245 |
| Designated | 4,753 | |
| SUB TOTAL | 50,500 | 245 |
| EQUIPMENT | | |
| Administrative | 6,253 | 34 |
| Designated | 2,847 | |
| SUB TOTAL | 9,100 | 34 |
| TOTAL BUDGET - COLUMNS | | |
| | 3,220,662 | 29,867 |



Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION
 AND SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
 HB163 EXTEND BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST, ETC
 EXAMINERS

Handover from 3/26/91

DATE: March ²⁷~~26~~, 1991

PLACE: Capitol Room 106

| NAME | REPRESENTING | BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS | ZIP | (H) PHONE | (W) PHONE | DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY? | WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL? |
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| Ann Boudreaux | Occupational Licensing | Dept of Commerce + EC Dev. | | | | (Y) N | HB 163 - |
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SUBJECT: HB 149, 150, 173, SB 43
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| 2. LINDA WEBBER/AKPA | 1227 W 9 | 276-4910 | HB 163 |

Alaska Native Health Corporation

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TO OBSERVE:

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| 1. ROSYLAND FRAZIER/ANHC | 715 L ST | 258-7888 | HB 150 |

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 163

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.

Title: Extending the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners... BPU: Occupational Licensing
 Component: Administration

Sponsor: Rules Committee

Requestor: Governor

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

| OPERATING | FY 92 | FY 93 | FY 94 | FY 95 | FY 96 | FY 97 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| PERSONAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| TRAVEL | | | | | | |
| CONTRACTUAL | | | | | | |
| SUPPLIES | | | | | | |
| EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| LAND & STRUCTURES | | | | | | |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS | | | | | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| CAPITAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| REVENUE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

POSITIONS:

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FULL-TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PART-TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TEMPORARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
 Funding for the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners is included in the department's FY 92 operating budget request and, therefore, new funds are not required.

Prepared By: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Officer Phone: 465-2144

Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 3/22/91

Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds *Glenn A. Olds* Ass. Comm.

Agency: Commerce and Economic Development Date: 3-22-91


Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

March 27, 1991


by the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee

**Letter of Intent
for
HB 163**

It is the intent of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee that occupational licensing fees established pursuant to AS 08.01.065 shall reflect the actual costs to the department for which the fee is charged, except when to do so would create an unreasonable burden upon licensees. The committee requests the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners to work with the department in re-evaluating its current licensing fee schedule. The committee further requests the department to issue a report on fee schedules, with notation as to those fees which have been changed, to the legislature by the first day of the second session of the Seventeenth Legislature.



Representative Georgianna Lincoln, Co-Chair



Representative Pat Carney, Co-Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: February 25, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Labor and Commerce
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/27/91

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HB 163

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

EXTEND BD OF PSYCHOLOGIST, ETC. EXAMINERS

"An Act extending the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HB 163 (HES) the same title
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: HES 3/27/91 letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

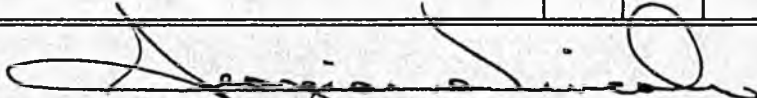
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| SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS | DP | OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS | DNP | NR | AM |
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| _____ | ✓ | (LINCOLN) | | | |
| _____ | ✓ | (CARNAL) | | | |
| _____ | ✓ | (GONZALES) | | | |
| Betty Davis | ✓ | (DAVIS) | | | |
| Mark Hanley | ✓ | (HANLEY) | | | |
| Mary Miller | ✓ | (MILLER) | | | |
| Cheri Davis | ✓ | (DAVIS) | | | |
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CO-CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

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3/27/91

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 163 (HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES/GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners in the
2 Department of Commerce and Economic Development; increasing the amount of graduate
3 course work directly related to a specialized area of psychology necessary to qualify for
4 examination as a psychological associate; and providing for an effective date."

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

6 * Section 1. AS 08.03.010(c)(10) is amended to read:

7 (10) Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners
8 (AS 08.86.010) - June 30, 1995 [1991];

9 * Sec. 2. AS 08.86.162 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 08.86.162. ASSOCIATES: QUALIFICATION FOR EXAMINATION. A person
11 is entitled to take a psychological associate examination if the board finds that the person:

12 (1) has not engaged in dishonorable conduct related to the practice of counseling
13 or psychometry;

14 (2) holds a master's degree with primary emphasis on psychology from an

1 academic institution whose program of graduate study for a master's degree in psychology meets
 2 the criteria established by the board by regulation, with the equivalent of at least 48 [24] semester
 3 credit hours of graduate course work directly related to a specialized area of psychology in which
 4 licensure is requested, including a practicum;

5 (3) has at least three years' supervised experience after obtaining a master's
 6 degree; in this paragraph, "supervised experience" means the equivalent of at least one hour a
 7 week of personal interview with a supervisor whose educational qualifications are consistent with
 8 the level of activity being supervised;

9 (4) has the recommendation of an immediate supervisor if a licensed psychologist,
 10 or two licensed psychologists who hold doctoral degrees; and

11 (5) has not within the preceding six months failed an examination given by the
 12 board.

13 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Audit Report



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

October 11, 1990



Audit Control Number:

08-1386-91

Division of Legislative Audit
P.O. Box W, Juneau, Alaska 99811-3300

Audit Report

STATE OF ALASKA

AUDIT DIVISION
P.O. BOX W
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-3300

THE LEGISLATURE

BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

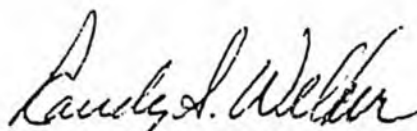
September 24, 1990

Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

According to the provisions of Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes, the Division of Legislative Audit is required to conduct a "Sunset" review of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners.

At the request of the Chairman, during Fiscal Year 1988 budget deliberations, the Finance and Audit Divisions' budgets were revised to reflect certain changes in the organizations of the Committee's two Divisions. The revised budget of the Audit Division reflected efficiencies that might be obtained by utilizing the staff of the Legislative Finance Division on selected audit assignments during the interim.

As a result, the audit of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners was conducted and this report has been prepared by the Legislative Finance Division. We feel this report discharges our responsibility under Titles 24 and 44. The report is submitted for your review.



Randy S. Welker, CPA
Legislative Auditor
Division of Legislative Audit

STATE OF ALASKA

THE LEGISLATURE

BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

FINANCE DIVISION
P.O. BOX WF
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: (907) 465-3795

September 21, 1990

Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), the attached report is submitted for your review.

A REPORT ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS
September 24, 1990

Audit Control Number

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Mike Greany, Director
Division of Legislative Finance

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT

Purpose

In accordance with the intent of Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), we have reviewed the activities of the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners to determine if the Board has been operating in an efficient and effective manner.

Legislative intent requires consideration of this report during legislative oversight hearings to determine whether the Board should be reestablished. The law now specifies that the Board will terminate June 30, 1991, and have one year from that date to conclude its affairs.

Scope

The major areas of our examination were the licensing, examination, administration, complaint, and investigation functions of the Board. We reviewed and performed the following:

1. Applicable statutes and regulations.
2. Tests of files and documents of licensees.
3. Interviews with the staff of the Board.
4. Complaints filed with the Division of Occupational Licensing, Human Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, the Ombudsman's Office, and the Department of Law.
5. Discussions with Board members.
6. Minutes of Board meetings and Division correspondence files.
7. Attorney General's Opinions applicable to professional boards.

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners (PPAE) was established under the provisions of Title 8, Chapter 86 of the Alaska Statutes. The Board consists of three licensed psychologists, a licensed psychological associate and one public member appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature.

The Board regulates licensed psychologists and psychological associates in the State. A psychologist is licensed to use psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the treatment of emotional and mental disorders. A psychological associate is licensed to perform psychological services under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or without supervision if they have completed at least five years of licensed practice and petitioned the Board for certification to practice without supervision.

The Board's duties are basically the following:

1. Examining and issuing licenses to qualified applicants.
2. Establishing or amending rules and regulations necessary and desirable to enforce State statutes.
3. Holding hearings in order to revoke or suspend the license of a person violating the psychologist and psychological associate statutes and regulations.

An applicant may be licensed by passing an exam given by the Board or by credentials. For credentials, an applicant must provide proof of licensure by another authority with equal licensing requirements.

In order to qualify for licensure as a psychologist by examination, an applicant must pass a written examination, have a doctorate degree, and have completed one year of experience. The examination is composed of two parts: an objective national examination composed by the Professional Examination Service and an essay examination composed by the Board.

Psychological associates may qualify for the examination if they have three years supervised experience after obtaining a Master's degree.

REPORT CONCLUSION

Policy Issues

This report does not contain any policy issues raised as a result of our evaluation of Board practices. Any policy decisions affecting these practices would not be within the scope of this report but requires legislative consideration. In debating these issues, the oversight committees would take into consideration the information presented in this report so the potential impact of policy changes can be evaluated.

Report Conclusion

In our opinion, the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners should be reestablished. The regulation and licensing of qualified professionals is necessary to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The Board provides this service by establishing minimum educational and experience requirements that provide reasonable assurance that persons licensed are qualified. Also, assurances that those licensed act in a competent manner is provided by active investigation of complaints and revocation or suspension of licenses when appropriate.

Current statutes, AS 08.03.010, specify that the sunset review period for the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners shall be four year.

Based upon the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners performance for the past 2 sunset reviews, it is recommended that the review interval be extended from 4 to 8 years. The next statutory termination date subject to sunset review would be June 30, 1999.

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners has consistently been found to satisfy a public purpose and has demonstrated its ability to conduct its business in a satisfactory manner.

The ~~Current sunset review~~ included no recommendations. In prior sunset reviews, deficiencies found have been relatively minor, and for the most part, "housekeeping" in nature.

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners statutes, regulations, policies and procedures are current. The Board's business is generally viewed as conducted in a professional, competent, and efficient manner.

The Board's membership has been dedicated and responsible to its mission; its representation has been well balanced in serving its purpose.

ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED

Limited Analysis

The following analyses indicate both positive and negative factors as they relate to the public need as defined in the "sunset" law. These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but to address those areas pertinent to our review.

- I. The extent to which the board, commission, or program has operated in the public interest.
 - A. The Board has promulgated regulations concerning continuing education requirements. In addition, public hearings have been held to consider regulation changes regarding course requirements for graduate programs in psychology, criteria for practicing psychology without supervision as a psychological associate, and the qualifications for persons performing psychological-related activities that are exempt from licensure. The public is notified about upcoming examinations and meetings and is invited to provide input at Board meetings.
 - B. The Board has developed goals and objectives. Some of the goals the Board achieved in FY 1990 includes:
 1. Reviewing applications for licensure and examination.
 2. Conducting examinations twice a year.
 3. Reviewing investigative reports.
 4. Considering changes to psychology regulations.
- II. The extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices which it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.
 - A. The Board has received assistance in drafting regulatory changes from the Division of Occupational Licensing. However, the Department of Law did not process the regulatory changes in the timely manner, which resulted in the Board having to go through the public hearing process again.

- III. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes which are generally of benefit to the public interest.
- A. No recent legislation has been introduced by the Board.
- IV. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service which it has provided.
- A. The public is invited to attend Board meetings. Notices of meetings and examinations are published in at least 3 major newspapers and a time for public comment is reserved at Board meetings.
- V. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.
- A. Public notices of proposed regulations are published in major newspapers. Public comment to proposed regulations, both written and oral, are considered at Board meetings.
- VI. The efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the Office of the Ombudsman have been processed and resolved.
- A. Review of recently closed Ombudsman's case files and inquiries with the Human Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunities Office, the Attorney General and the Department of Commerce and Economic Development Investigation Section have shown no significant complaints filed against the Board.
- VII. The extent to which a board or commission which regulated entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.
- A. As of June 30, 1990, the Board regulated 128 psychologists and 19 psychological associates.

VIII. The extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

A. The Human Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office have received no complaints related to the Board's activities.

IX. The extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

A. The Board has complied with the criteria enumerated in this subsection. We found no instance where changes are necessary to enable the Board to better serve the interests of the public.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1990
(Unaudited)
(Note 1)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Revenues (Note 2) | | \$11,995 |
| Expenditures (Note 3) | | |
| Personal Services | \$21,782 | |
| Travel | 6,103 | |
| Contractual | 6,322 | |
| Supplies | 289 | |
| Equipment | <u>991</u> | |
| Total Expenditures | | <u>\$35,487</u> |
| Revenues Compared to Expenditures | | <u><\$23,492></u> |

Schedule 1
Types of Revenues

| <u>Revenues</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Collection Time</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Application Fee | \$ 30 | With submittal of application |
| Examination Fee | \$135 | With submittal of application |
| Credential Review Fee | \$ 50 | With submittal of application |
| Initial License Fee | \$100 | With submittal of application |
| License Renewal | \$100 | Every two years |

Note 1

The Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures was prepared by the Division of Occupational Licensing personnel. The records were not audited by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the Board's Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures.

Note 2

A significant portion of revenues is composed of license renewal fees. Licenses are renewed biennially. Because of the renewals, revenues vary substantially every year. Therefore, we combined revenues collected in fiscal year 1989 and 1990, and calculated an average in order to obtain a representative amount of annualized revenues collected.

Note 3

This amount does not include expenditures for efforts of other departments assisting the Board.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

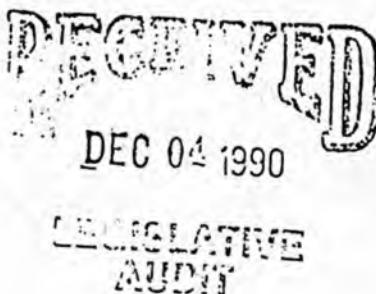
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Mr. Randy S. Welker
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Audit Committee
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Dear Mr. Welker:

This letter is written in combined response to the preliminary audit reports on the State Medical Board, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, and the Real Estate Commission.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Development is pleased that the audit reports found that the business of these three boards and one commission has been "conducted in a professional, competent, and efficient manner," and that the Audit Division is recommending that the sunset performance "review interval be extended from 4 to 8 years."

Given that the department itself also believes that these boards have consistently satisfied the public purposes for which they were created and have demonstrated their ability to competently and with care conduct their business, the department not only concurs in but wholeheartedly endorses the Audit Division's recommendation that these four agencies be continued until June 30, 1999.

Both the boards and the department take great pride in the audit reports' findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jane Angvik".

Jane Angvik
Commissioner

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cc: Randall Burns, Director, Division of Occupational Licensing