

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Minimal

Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

While there will be some fiscal impact from HB 1981, the extent of which is hard to determine at this time as there are 46 regulating entities that deal with licensing professionals and over 200 different types of licenses between the entities. First, getting the reporting requirements to the Department of Labor may take additional employees for these entities. Second, the new process for licensing may require these entities to upgrade software and may require the time and resources to set up and establish new processes and forms. Third, many of these entities may find checking background and licensing information with other states overly burdensome. As not all states have state-wide licensing requirements or tracking ability, it may be difficult for these entities to track down where a person is licenses and if there has ever been any issues with a person's license. Many of these regulating entities though are nonappropriated.

The Department of Labor does know it will take some additional staff time to gather and synthesize the information from the 45 other regulating entities and put the information into the report, but it does believe the work can be absorbed by its current workforce.

Therefore, while the full size and scope of the fiscal impact on regulating entities is unknown, it is known there will be one. But as many of the entities are nonappropriated, and the Department of Labor believes it can absorb the new workload with current staff, it appears that any fiscal impact for the State will be minimal.

This floor amendment does not change the fiscal analysis of the bill.

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Other Considerations

None.