## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB 2031
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	<b>Patron:</b> Peace, Christopher K.
3.	Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions
4.	Title: Audiology and speech-language pathology; provisional license
5.	<b>Summary:</b> The proposed legislation would authorize the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to issue a provisional license to a person seeking clinical experience to qualify for initial licensure as a speech-language pathologist or for re-entry into practice. In the promulgation of regulations for provisional licenses, the Board will establish a fee for a new license type, so the revenue generated would be expected to cover any additional costs.
6.	<b>Budget Amendment Necessary</b> : No. The cost of this bill cannot be determined. A nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively until such time as the costs are ascertained and Appropriation Act adjusted.
7.	Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined: See Item 8
8.	<b>Fiscal Implications:</b> The bill would authorize the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to issue a provisional license to a person seeking clinical experience to qualify for initial licensure as a speech-language pathologist or for re-entry into practice. A specific dollar amount cannot be estimated for the added agency costs; however it is assumed that additional part-time staff will be utilized, as necessary, to augment existing licensure and enforcement staff. It is further assumed that the department will implement a fee structure for the provisional license applicants that will generate revenue sufficient to cover any increased costs.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

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11. Other Comments: None

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