

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB315E

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Ruff

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Hearing aid specialists and opticians; exemptions for the sale of hearing aids.

**5. Summary:** Allows licensed audiologists who have earned a doctoral degree in audiology to obtain a license to engage in the practice of fitting or dealing in hearing aids without the prerequisite of being required to pass an examination. The bill defines "audiologist" and "practice of audiology".

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any expenditure impact to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation can be absorbed with existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.