

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1833

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Walker

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; over-the-counter hearing aids.

5. Summary: Clarifies that licensure by the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is not required for a corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other like organization engaged in the business of selling prescription hearing aids, defined in the bill as a hearing aid that is not an over-the-counter hearing aid, provided that it employs only licensed practitioners in the direct sale and fitting of prescription hearing aids.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation anticipates that this bill will not impact revenue or expenses.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB 1279 also relates to over-the-counter hearing aid sales.