

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB926

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Byron

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:**        **Professions and occupations; unlawful acts; employing illegal aliens**

**5. Summary:** This bill provides that it is cause for disciplinary action by any regulatory board against a regulant who has been convicted of a state or federal law prohibiting the employment of persons who are not legally eligible to be employed in the United States.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill authorizes any regulatory board to suspend, revoke, or fail to renew the license, certificate, registration or authority it has issued any person who has been convicted of knowingly employing any person who is not legally eligible to be employed in the United States. The bill specifically stipulates that the boards have authority to take action only against those who have been convicted of employing an illegal alien. As such, it can be interpreted that this bill does not place direct responsibility on the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) to determine legal status of applicants or their employees or to investigate complaints of undocumented workers. Since most boards already have authority to take disciplinary actions against a regulant who has been convicted of employing illegal immigrants, DPOR anticipates that the bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact on their agency.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
Secretary of Finance