

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1179

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Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Ruff, F. M.

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; powers and duties of regulatory boards; waiver of informal fact-finding conference.

5. Summary: This bill provides the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) the ability to waive an informal fact-finding conference (IFF) for disciplinary cases in certain situations. The Administrative Process Act requires that any agency conduct an IFF conference prior to a regulatory board issuing a disciplinary case decision. This proposal would allow DPOR to forego the IFF conference in disciplinary cases in which the respondent is non-responsive or cannot be located. The proposed legislation contains provisions on how and under which format the notice may be sent to the regulants.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$0	0.0	n/a
2014	(\$28,500)	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue
2015	(\$28,500)	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue
2016	(\$28,500)	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue
2017	(\$28,500)	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue
2018	(\$28,500)	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue
2019	(\$28,500)	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue

7b. Revenue Impact: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill decreases the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of DPOR by reducing the number of informal fact-finding conferences. The department conducts an average of 340 disciplinary informal fact-finding conferences each year.

Operating Costs: Under this legislation, the number of disciplinary informal fact-finding conferences is expected to decline by approximately 170 annually. The cost of court reporters for those proceedings averages \$168 per informal fact-finding conference. DPOR expects to reduce total costs by approximately \$28,500 each fiscal year.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB1641.

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