

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1428

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Shin

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; application review timelines.

5. **Summary:** Requires each regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to adopt a timeline of each stage that a completed application for licensure, certification, or registration will undergo as it is reviewed by such board. The bill also requires that such regulatory board approve any completed application within 30 days of its receipt unless such board has reasonable certainty that such application includes grounds for denial.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 353.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	-	-	-
2025	\$3,782,583	28	NGF
2026	\$3,032,583	28	NGF
2027	\$3,032,583	28	NGF
2028	\$3,032,583	28	NGF
2029	\$3,032,583	28	NGF
2030	\$3,032,583	28	NGF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would require each of the Boards within the Department of Professional and Occupation Regulation (DPOR) to review and either approve or deny each application for licensure, certification, or registration within 30 days of its receipt. This would require a significant increase in DPOR's staffing levels.

DPOR estimates that an additional 28 full-time positions would be needed: eight Pay Band 3 Classified Employees (\$750,968), twelve Pay Band 4 Classified Employees (\$1.4 million), five Pay Band 5 Classified Employees (\$686,405), and three Pay Band 5 Wage Employees (\$204,152). This totals to \$3.0 million in additional expenses for salaries, wages, and benefits. There would also be an annual cost of \$38,742 for equipment and information

technology services. DP OR estimates a cost of \$750,000 in the first year for furniture, office supplies, and reconfiguration of existing workspaces. Additionally, indeterminate increases in rent (if more space is needed) and support staff are possible.

DPOR does not anticipate that this bill will result in a substantial increase in the number of applicants. Because DPOR's boards are funded by their regulant populations, a significant increase in costs could result in a corresponding increase in fees.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None