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**TO:** Honorable Bill Callegari, Chair, House Committee on Government Efficiency & Reform

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1618** by Callegari (Relating to the criteria for review by the Sunset Advisory Commission of an agency that licenses an occupation.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1618, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$231,928) through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**Appropriations:**

Fiscal Year	Appropriation out of <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2012	\$115,969
2013	\$115,969

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	(\$115,969)
2013	(\$115,959)
2014	(\$115,959)
2015	(\$115,959)
2016	(\$115,959)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2012	(\$115,969)
2013	(\$115,959)
2014	(\$115,959)
2015	(\$115,959)
2016	(\$115,959)

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	1.0
2013	1.0

2014	1.0
2015	1.0
2016	1.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend statute by adding specific criteria for the Sunset Commission for reviewing an agency that licenses an occupation or profession. In addition, the bill would allow a person to submit legislation to create a new or significantly affect an existing occupational licensing agency. The bill would require the Sunset Commission to make certain determinations in the event that the Commission chose to review legislation that creates a new licensing agency. In addition, in the event that the Sunset Commission chose to review the submitted legislation, the Commission would be required to report its findings to the legislature prior to the next legislative sessions.

**Methodology**

It is estimated that \$115,959 out of the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year would be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill as follows:

\$50,000 -- cost to contract for an estimated 320 hours to review the economic impact of occupational regulation, including the extent to which the program stimulates or restricts competition and affects consumer choice and the cost of services.

\$65,959 -- cost for 1 full time equivalent position (Policy Analyst) to review proposed legislation and production costs to print and distribute reports containing the agency's findings to the legislature.

**Technology**

No fiscal impact to technology resources is anticipated.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 116 Sunset Advisory Commission

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