

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1460
Version:	INT
Request Number:	6426
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Impact:	Unknown negative impact for all agencies which distribute occupational licenses

Research Analysis

HB 1460 creates the Freedom to Prosper Act, restricting the creation of new occupational licensure requirements. The measure places a cap on fees associated with licensure, creates a low-income fee waiver program, and provides for license reciprocity with other states.

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Fiscal Analysis

The introduced version of HB 1460, which deals with restrictions on occupational licenses, will have an unknown fiscal impact on those agencies both appropriated and non-appropriated which distribute occupational licenses. Examples of these agencies include: Health Dept., Dept. of Agriculture, Construction Industries Board, and the Dept. of Labor. Upon inaction, the bill will create a cap on all existing license fees of \$25.00 and stipulates that any new occupational license and fee created after the passage of the bill, becomes null and void once the bill becomes law. For low-income individuals, all fees can be waived under certain circumstances. This will restrict agencies from raising any current license fees and from creating any new occupational licenses and accompanying fees.

The exact fiscal impact for these agencies is contingent upon the number of annual licenses issued per agency per year as well as the fee amount associated with each license.

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Other Considerations

None.