

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/27/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Health and Environment Committee 02/28/12 and the House Finance Committee 03/07/12)

The House Health and Environment Committee Report deleted the definition for the term, *certificate holder*, and moved it to the definition for the term, *speech-language pathologist*; added a fee-setting specification that fees be based on the cost of administration of the program divided by the total number of speech-language pathologists; raised the judgment standard from *reasonable grounds* to *proof* for revoking, suspending, or denying a certification; added three additional provisions for revoking, suspending, or denying a certification; added a certificate holder *who surrenders certification to avoid discipline* to the two-year ineligibility period following a certificate revocation; and moved the sunset date for the program from September 1, 2022, to September 1, 2019, and made conforming amendments to the sunset schedule.

The House Finance Committee Report amended the House Health and Environment Committee Report by adding the statutory citation for the specified fee-setting requirements.

The above amendments do not affect the fiscal impact of the bill, as delineated in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated February 27, 2012. Legislative Council staff agrees with this assessment.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$111,148 and 1.1 FTE from the Division of Registrations Cash Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies, and reappropriating \$16,656 and 0.1 FTE to

the Department of Law and \$1,184 to the Governor's Office of Information Technology, for FY 2012-13.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

None.