

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 9, 2011
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 539
AUTHOR: C. Price

BILL SUMMARY: Nursing

This bill would extend the sunset date for operation of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT), require courses for Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and Psychiatric Technician (PT) licenses be approved by the BVNPT, and require employment agencies and nursing registries to report employee resignation, as specified.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would extend the sunset date for operation of the BVNPT from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2016. The Department of Consumer Affairs indicates this bill would continue existing costs for the BVNPT and any other costs resulting from this bill would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill because it would allow the BVNPT to continue licensure of LVNS and PTs and enforcement of laws pertaining to LVNs and PTs.

Existing law establishes the BVNPT until January 1, 2012 to license and regulate LVNs and PTs, as specified.

This bill would extend the sunset date for operation of the BVNPT until January 1, 2016 and provide for review of the BVNPT by the Legislature.

Existing law requires an applicant for a LVN or PT license to complete specified courses from a school accredited by the BVNPT.

This bill would require these schools to be "approved" rather than "accredited".

Existing law requires LVN and PT employers to report suspensions and terminations for cause to the BVNPT, as specified.

This bill would require employment agencies and nursing registries to report rejections from assignment for cause to the BVNPT, as specified.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	
1580/VNur PsyTech	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----				0778
1580/VNur PsyTech	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----				0779
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0778	Vocational Nurse & Psych Tech Exam Fund								
0779	Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Tech Fd								