

# SCR 94/ SR 60

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER STREAMLINING OR CONSOLIDATING ANY OF THE LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE DIVISION.

Report Title: Professional and Vocational Licensing Division; Boards and Commissions

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s): BAKER, SOLOMON, Espero, Ihara, Slom

<b><u>Sort by Date</u></b>		<b>Status Text</b>
3/11/2013	S	Offered.
3/19/2013	S	Referred to CPN.
3/21/2013	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-27-13 10:00AM in conference room 229.



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**PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND  
VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, March 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94 AND SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 60, REQUESTING THE PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL  
LICENSING DIVISION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER  
STREAMLINING OR CONSOLIDATING ANY OF THE LICENSING BOARDS AND  
COMMISSIONS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE DIVISION.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division ("Division"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Division appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on S.C.R. No. 94 and S.R. No. 60, Requesting the Division to Convene a Working Group to Consider Streamlining or Consolidating any of the Licensing Boards and Commissions within the Purview of the Division.

The purpose of the two resolutions is to review and consider streamlining or consolidating any of the twenty-five (25) licensing boards and commissions within the purview of the Division, due to the preconception that the Division has a limited number of financial and human resources to successfully administrate all twenty-five (25) licensing boards and commissions. Currently, there are fourteen (14) Executive Officers who oversee the administrative responsibilities for the twenty-five (25) regulatory boards and commissions. Their main responsibility is to ensure the safeguarding of the general public's interest relative to the regulation of the various professions and vocations. They assist and advise the boards and commissions and arrange for and attend approximately 194 meetings each calendar year. These meetings have been proven to be manageable and well attended and carefully coordinated by all involved. The Division is able to maintain its current workload with the resources appropriated by the Legislature. Therefore, we do not believe these resolutions are necessary.

However, if the Legislature feels that it is vital for the Division to examine and review the structure of its twenty-five (25) licensing boards and commissions, then we would like to suggest that the Legislature request that the Office of the Auditor assist with this undertaking and have that office take the lead on these resolutions, as that office has the expertise and a proven track record in this area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on S.C.R. No. 94 and S.R. No. 60.