

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The administrator of the Division of Building Safety already has statutory authority to conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licenses administered by the Division; however, no express authority exists which permits the administrator the authority to charge a fee for such examination.

Currently, the Division contracts with a professional testing service to administer all examinations throughout the various trades and applicants pay the testing service provider the fee as established by them. DBS receives many complaints regarding the testing process and the poor customer service offered by the testing agencies. The Division has attempted to work through these issues, but has come to the conclusion that internal administration of examinations would be the best avenue for resolving most of the issues.

Establishing express statutory authority for the administrator to impose a fee for the examination would allow the Division of Building Safety to begin the process of formulating its own examinations leading to the capability to conduct and administer examinations for all licenses administered by the Division.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no immediate fiscal impact, as the Division must first go through an examination development ahead of offering examinations. Long-term, the Division anticipates a net increase of \$50,000 to \$100,000 in revenues on an annual basis.

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