

**Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1176

Patron: Cole, N.T.

Bill Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; quorum requirements for certain regulatory boards.

Bill Summary: Lowers the quorum requirements for the (i) Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects of two engineers, two architects, and two land surveyors to at least one engineer, one architect, and one land surveyor and (ii) Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists of two professional soil scientists, two professional wetland delineators, and two professional geologists to at least one professional soil scientist, one professional wetland delineator, and one professional geologist.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: No

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR); however, no budget action is needed.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to DPOR.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill reduces the quorum requirements for two of DPOR's Boards by providing that at least one member from each professional background represented on the board must be present, under current law some professions must have two members present. The bill does not reduce the total number of board members required to constitute a quorum. Impact estimates are not yet available from DPOR; however, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

This impact estimate is preliminary and may be updated if new information becomes available.

Other: None.