

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 4, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1550 - HB 1478**

This bill, if enacted, will combine the Board for Licensing Hearing Aid Dispensers with the Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. The current Speech Pathology and Audiology Board will expand with the addition of five new members:

- (1) two licensed hearing aid dispensers
- (2) one licensed audiologist
- (3) one physician
- (4) one hearing aid user

The bill combines the current authority of the two existing boards under the new Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology, Audiology, and Licensing Hearing Aid Examiners. The new board will have authority to examine applicants, issue, suspend or revoke licenses, establish rules and regulations, and inspect the facilities or records of practicing professionals.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated not to be significant. According to the Department of Health license revenues may

decrease because some currently licensed hearing aid dispensers will not be licensed by the new board.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director