



TO: Professional Practice Committee

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SUBJECT: 2018 State Budget and Legislative Priorities

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SUMMARY

Issues for Discussion

The Regents advance State budget and legislative priorities every year. At the October meeting, the Regents Subcommittee on State Aid reviewed and discussed proposals advanced during the 2017 budget cycle and legislative session. At the November meeting, the relevant committees of the Board will review and discuss these proposals, as well as review and discuss new initiatives. The proposals will come before the full Board in December for approval.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Review and update of the Regent's State budget and legislative priorities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents discuss support for last year's proposals, identifying any recommended modifications, as well as review new proposals for inclusion in the Board's 2018 State budget and legislative priorities.

Attachment

2018 Potential Budget Priorities- Professional Practice

Proposal	Amount of Request	Policy Area	History/Notes
<p>Electronic Licensing System Development- Replacing a 35 year old COBOL-based licensing system and enhancing our customer experience through use of funds resulting 15% registration fee increase authorized by the Legislature in 2009.</p>	<p>\$4.3M in Spending Authority</p>	<p>Efficiency</p>	<p>This is a previous Board Priority. The Assembly included this provision in their One House budget proposal.</p>

2018 Potential Legislative Priorities- Professional Practice

Proposal	Policy Area	History/Notes
<p>Enhanced Discipline Authority of the Licensed Professions- Add moral character requirements to the professions that currently do not have them, require that licensees notify the Department of a crime or pending conviction of a crime rather than when applying for registration/re-registration every 2-3 years, create a summary suspension of a license when there are serious public health and safety issues.</p>	<p>Efficiency</p>	<p>Legislation passed the Senate again for the second year in a row, but was not introduced in the Assembly (S.1380a LaValle).</p>