Analysis

Construction Contractors Board

Work Plan Report

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Request: Acknowledge receipt of a report on a work plan, as directed by a budget note contained in SB 5513 (2013).

Recommendation: Acknowledge receipt of the report and direct the Construction Contractors Board to report back to the Emergency Board on agency operations and stakeholder input in September 2014.

Analysis: SB 5513 (2013), the agency's 2013-15 biennium budget bill, contained the following budget note:

In accordance with the work plan presented to the Subcommittee, the Construction Contractor's Board is directed to provide a progress report to the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means and the appropriate interim policy committees during the September 2013 legislative days and to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2014 legislative session.

The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) did present a preliminary progress report on the work plan during the September 2013 legislative days, as directed by the budget note. Additional work has been completed and stakeholder input gathered since that time, resulting in a final report detailing the following aspects of the work plan: surety bonds and other methods of financial accountability, contractor licensing, residential continuing education, new contractor outreach, interagency duplication of efforts, database and computer application development, central business registry, statewide disciplinary database, and the streamlining of CCB related laws.

Information for the report was gathered using agency personnel to conduct stakeholder meetings and to research a variety of sources. Through this work CCB has determined that some of the existing operations and processes, identified in the work plan, should be retained. Alternatively, changes that were made to CCB while this evaluation process was being conducted included the residential continuing education reforms. CCB also makes recommendations for future changes to such things as residential and commercial developer licenses, further improvements to the residential continuing education (SB 783) system, renewing new contractor workshops, development of additional IT applications, continued work on the central business registry, further research of the statewide disciplinary database, and the identification of some statutes that may be beneficial if they are repealed or amended.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends acknowledging receipt of the report and directing the Construction Contractors Board to report back to the Emergency Board on agency operations and stakeholder input in September 2014.