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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0589
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Subject:	Music Therapy Practice Act
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$89,000	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	1.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$8,900	N/A
Other and Federal	\$89,000	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. However, Other Fund expenditures by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) are expected to increase by \$89,000 annually.

This bill is expected to generate Other Fund license fee revenue of \$89,000 from this new professional license requirement to offset the corresponding increased expenditures. Additionally, General Fund revenue would increase by approximately \$8,900, or ten percent of the additional expenditures, pursuant to Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2015 Appropriations Act.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

Senate Bill 589 amends Title 40 by adding Chapter 85 establishing the Music Therapy Practice Act. The bill creates a five-member Music Therapy Advisory Group to assist the director of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) in regulating the professional practice of music therapy. Members are to serve without compensation, but may receive mileage, and must meet at least once a year. The bill requires anyone using the title of "music therapist" to become licensed by LLR and specifies license requirements. The bill authorizes LLR to set license fees.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The Department reports that this bill would require 1.00 new FTE position for an Administrative Assistant to support the work of the advisory committee and to administer the license program. The estimated increased expenditures

of \$89,000 annually for salary, fringe benefits, and operating expenses would be offset by the new Other Fund license fees. Otherwise, this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

Pursuant to Proviso 81.3 of the FY 2014-15 Appropriations Act, each professional and occupational licensing board must remit annually to the General Fund an amount equal to ten percent of their expenditures. Since LLR estimates expenditures for this program at \$89,000 it is expected that LLR will remit \$8,900 from new license fees into the General Fund in FY 2015-16.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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