
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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Professional Licensing Bureau Field Auditor — Housing Trust Fund

History and Purpose

The Professional Licensing Bureau (PLB) was established in 1986. Since 2006, it has been a Bureau within the Banking Division of the Department of Commerce. The Bureau supervises a variety of licensed professions in the State of Iowa, including:

- Accountants
- Architects and Landscape Architects
- Real Estate Brokers and Sales
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Engineers and Land Surveyors
- Interior Designers

The Bureau acts as the primary support system to the various commissions and boards that oversee each licensed profession. Each board or commission sets the requirements for examination, licensing, and regulation, as well as renewal and continuing education requirements. The Bureau also supports commissions and boards in matters of licensee compliance and discipline.

Funding

The PLB receives an annual appropriation from the Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The funds are utilized by the Bureau to conduct audits of real estate broker trust funds.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [16.181](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [193E.13](#)

More Information

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