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## Rodney Reed Talking Points Regarding Licensing and Boards before State Government Efficiency Review Committee November 13, 2019

- Besides the chartering and regulation of 260 banks, the Iowa Division of Banking (IDOB) is also involved in the licensing and regulation of 3,943 non-depository institutions and 42,393 individuals.
- Of those 46,336 licenses, 8,260 are licensed with IDOB directly (w/o a Board involved) with the remaining 38,076 licensed under seven professional licensing boards.
- IDOB provides supervision and administrative support to the following 7 professional licensing boards: the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board (7,396 licenses), the Architectural Examining Board (2,271 licenses), the Engineering & Land Surveying Examining Board (10,679 licenses), the Interior Design Examining Board (76 licenses), the Landscape Architectural Examining Board (298 licenses), the Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board (1,201 licenses), and the Real Estate Commission (13,989 licenses).
- Board support is provided by 11 FTEs: 1 Public Service Manager, 4 executive officers, 1 field auditor, 1 investigator, 3 licensing specialists, and 1 accountant/personnel assistant. Staff is shared between boards. For example the Board Administrator for the Accountancy Board is also the Board Administrator for Engineering/Land Surveying Board.
- Financial Information – Licensees paid \$2,763,267 in fees and fines in FY19 which net of the \$370,263 appropriated to PLB allowed an \$869,969 net contribution to general fund. FY19 expenses totaled \$1,847,988. IT costs, including web-site and DataPro Licensing System, totaled \$258,398.
- Each board member receives \$50 + expenses per meeting. We estimate costs of \$125/person/meeting. Boards meet between 4 to 10 times per year. For 4 meetings you're looking at an annual cost of \$3500 (\$125 x 7 x 4).
- Professions with boards utilize DataPro, a cloud based customized on-line system utilizing Salesforce and BasicGov products. The system permits applicants/licensees to apply, renew, submit payments and update their professional licenses on-line. The system allows the general public to submit complaint information through our web-site.
- If consolidation is desired, merging Architecture (2,271 individual licensees), Interior Design (76 individual licensees), and Landscape Architecture (298 individual licensees) into a "Design Board" might make sense. While this consolidation affecting 2,645 licensees would save maybe \$7,000 annually, you'd lose the input of 10 professionals in their respective professions. Since the licensees fund the boards with their license fees, the meager savings don't justify a merger unless the affected professionals desire a merged board.