

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4606-01
BILL NO.: HB 2079
SUBJECT: Architects; Licenses - Professional
TYPE: Original
DATE: April 3, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Landscape Architectural Council	\$32,232	\$28,960	\$29,796
PR Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$32,232	\$28,960	\$29,796

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration (DED-DPR)** assume approximately 300 additional licensees as a result of this legislation. The projected revenue reflects a \$145 fee for initial licensure and a \$95 fee for annual renewal. In addition, a 3% growth rate has been estimated.

DPR assumes the Landscape Architectural Council Fund will reimburse the PR Fees Fund for all expenses paid by the PR Fees Fund.

The DPR assumes this proposed legislation would result in increased costs related to the council meetings of the Landscape Architectural Council. This legislation adds an additional public member to the Landscape Architectural Council. Therefore, travel costs have been estimated for this member's attendance at the council meetings. The DPR assumes additional annual travel costs of \$626 would be incurred for the council to meet twice per year for two days each. In addition, the DPR would incur \$200 annual per diem costs for the new member.

DPR officials assume additional applications will require contract clerical staff to assist current staff in processing. This would be a one-time cost of \$10,755 (\$7.17 per hour contract clerical staff x 1,500 hours (5 hours per application) = \$10,755). Additional costs associated with the licensing of these applicants in regard to postage, printing, telephone and GR transfers can be absorbed under current appropriations. However, if this legislation results in a larger increase than expected or if the increased number of licensees results in a substantial number of additional investigations, additional appropriations in personnel and/or expense and equipment will be required.

The DPR assumes the existing licensure system will be adequate to accommodate an additional 300 licensees per year.

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	<u>FY 2001</u> (10 Mo.)	<u>FY 2002</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL COUNCIL FUND			
<u>Income-Division of Professional Registration (DPR)</u>			
Licensure Fees/Renewals	\$43,500	\$29,805	\$30,660
<u>Costs-Landscape Architectural Council</u>			
Transfer to PR Fees Fund	<u>(\$11,268)</u>	<u>(\$845)</u>	<u>(\$864)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL COUNCIL FUND	<u>\$32,232</u>	<u>\$28,960</u>	<u>\$29,796</u>
 PR FEES FUND			
<u>Income-Division of Professional Registration (DPR)</u>			
Transfer from Landscape Architectural Council Fund	\$11,268	\$845	\$864
<u>Costs-DPR</u>			
Additional Per Diem Expense	(\$200)	(\$200)	(\$200)
	<u>(\$11,068)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Costs - DPR	<u>(\$11,268)</u>	<u>(\$845)</u>	<u>(\$864)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE PR FEES FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>			
	<u>FY 2001</u> (10 Mo.)	<u>FY 2002</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Certain small businesses would be expected to have a direct fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill makes provisions for the licensing of landscape architects with the Division of Professional Registration. Currently, landscape architects are registered with the division. The bill revises the definitions of "landscape architects" and the "practice of landscape architecture." Individuals are qualified to practice landscape architecture if they have been duly licensed by the Landscape Architecture Council on the basis of education, examination, and experience. After meeting the requirements of the Landscape Architecture Council, individuals may make application with the Division of Professional Registration for licensure.

The bill also prohibits any person from holding out as a landscape architect without being duly licensed. It does not prohibit persons working in the landscape, nursery or gardening industry from engaging in their occupations as long as the project scope does not jeopardize the public health.

The bill waives the licensure requirement for those individuals currently registered with the Division of Professional Registration on or before August 28, 2000.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

This proposal would increase Total State Revenues since a net increase to the Landscape Architectural Council Fund would result from the collection of license fees.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration



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