

SB 224 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits person or business entity from practicing architecture or indicating that the person or business entity practices architecture, in Oregon without a valid certificate of registration from State Board of Architect Examiners (Board). Specifies procedures for foreign architect to practice architecture in Oregon. Requires architect to retain certain records following completion of project for not less than ten years. Adds exemption for practice of marine architecture to certain architectural regulations. Modifies procedures for business entity to engage in practice of architecture in Oregon as registered architectural firm. Modifies procedures for applying to the Board for a certificate of registration. Modifies procedures for registered architect to renew registration. Modifies procedures for disciplinary action against persons accused of conduct violating specified regulations. Adds confidentiality provision, except when public interest requires disclosure, to information Board obtains or receives during course of disciplinary investigation. Establishes process to submit complaints against registered architects to Board. Defines and redefines key terms. Creates cause of action for Board to initiate against person engaging or about to engage in activity in violation of laws governing practice of architecture. Makes conforming and technical amendments. Operative on January 2, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies action State Board of Architect Examiners may take when person violates specified regulations governing the practice of architecture. Makes technical changes.

BACKGROUND:

The State Board of Architect Examiners (Board) was established in 1919 and oversees the registration and regulation of the practice of architecture in Oregon. The Board operates as a semi-independent state agency. Oregon law governs the registration and practice of architects within Oregon and "foreign architects" seeking to practice in Oregon. It also provides a disciplinary process for persons in violation of regulations governing the practice of architecture. The Board establishes by rule education, experience, and examination requirements for persons seeking to practice architecture in Oregon.

Senate Bill 224 makes several modifications and updates to statutes regulating the practice of architecture in Oregon.