

SB 224 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies procedures for foreign architect to practice architecture in Oregon. Requires architect to retain certain records following completion of project for not less than 10 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. Permits foreign architectural firm to offer services in Oregon. Prohibits foreign architectural firm from engaging in practice of architecture in Oregon without certificate of registration. Updates application of laws regulating business entities to architectural firms. Updates State Board of Architect Examiners (Board) authority for setting fees. Modifies procedures for applying to the Board for certificate of registration. Modifies procedures for registered architect to renew registration. Adds grounds for disciplinary actions against architect. Specifies procedures for Board investigation of violations of architectural regulations. Modifies procedures for disciplinary action against persons who violate specified regulations. Establishes process to submit complaints against registered architect to Board. Removes five year residency requirement for specified Board members. Defines and redefines key terms. Makes conforming and technical amendments. Operative on January 2, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Revenue Impact: No

Senate Floor Vote: Ayes: 25; Nays: 4 Boquist, Girod, Hayden, Linthicum; Excused: 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of State Board of Architect Examiners in registration and regulation of practice of architecture in Oregon
- Process and timeline for developing legislation
- Alignment with National Council of Architectural Registration Board's Model Law and statutes governing architecture in other jurisdictions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 A modifies and updates statutes regulating the practice of architecture in Oregon. The measure updates terminology and concept descriptions related to architectural practice to be more consistent with architectural practice across the country. In addition, SB 224 A removes some barriers to registration for firms providing architectural services in Oregon.