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SENATE BILL 224 REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE ORS 671.010 – 220

Agency Overview

The Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners is a small semi-independent state agency. It is governed by a seven member board consisting of five architects and two public members. The primary mission of the board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the registration and regulation of the practice of architecture in Oregon.

Purpose

This is primarily a housekeeping measure. It will update terminology and describe concepts related to architectural practice in a way that is more consistent with architectural practice across the country. The changes also remove some barriers to registration for firms providing architectural services in Oregon.

Proposed modifications to definitions were influenced by the National Council of Architectural Registration Board's Model Law, and by statutes that govern architecture in other jurisdictions. The concept was developed with the full involvement and support of stakeholders and would have no fiscal impact on the public, the profession, or government agencies.

Key Revisions

SB 224 would accomplish the following:

1. Update definitions
2. Simplify and streamline statutory language
3. Remove redundancies within the statutes and improve clarity and consistency
4. Remove confusion regarding plan stamping by other design professionals
5. Specify how long project documentation should be retained
6. Reduce barriers to architectural firm registration by changing ownership and firm name requirements
7. Allow unregistered firms to offer to provide architectural services prior to registration
8. Streamline the registration renewal process
9. Move the list of fee-based activities to rules
10. Alter the term dates of board members and remove the five-year residency requirement

Proposed Amendments

Our Assistant Attorney General recommended we submit an amendment to SB 224. Revisions to Section 12, ORS 671.090, were needed as some of the original language in the statute was inadvertently deleted. The proposed amendments will allow the board to continue to discipline architectural firms and reprimand registrants when warranted.

Fiscal Impact

The changes to ORS 671.010-671.220 can be implemented without incurring any additional costs and there is no urgency, risk, or uncertainties surrounding the bill. Updates to our administrative rules, website, applications, jurisprudence exam, and other publications will be needed but should not require additional staff nor alter the current staff's workload as revisions to these resources occur on a regular basis.

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