

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	4 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Starr, Thomsen
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Meeting Dates:	5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that architectural firms must register with State Board of Architect Examiners before providing services. Requires firms and individuals to renew registration as provided by Board by rule. Replaces term “licensing” with “registering.” Updates statutory references to state building code. Clarifies that an injunction does not relieve individuals from imposition of civil penalty.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Differences between use of term “licensed” and “registered”
- No significant change to Board policies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Assembly created the Oregon Board of Architect Examiners in 1919 to protect public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that all individuals practicing architecture in Oregon are properly qualified and registered, and by submitting violators of the law to discipline. The Board, which became a semi-independent agency in 1997, is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor; the chair is elected by the Board from its current members. Five Board members must be architects residing in Oregon, while the remaining two members represent the general public.

House Bill 2268 updates definitions and statutory language related to the registration of architects and architectural firms. The measure also removes licensing cycles and deadlines from statute, allowing the Board to establish licensing timelines by rule.