

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Barton, Fagan, Freeman, Holvey, Kenemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Doherty

Nays: 0

Exc.: Thompson

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Meeting Dates: 2/6

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Update references to codes, terms, and practices
- Process used by Board in developing proposed changes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Architect Examiners (OBAE) was created by the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 1919 to protect public health, safety, and welfare by seeing that all persons practicing architecture in Oregon are properly qualified and registered, and by disciplining those who violate the law. The Board has operated as a semi-independent agency since 1997.

The Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor, with the chair is elected by the board from among the current members. Five of the seven members must be architects residing in Oregon; the remaining two members represent the general public. Members can serve a maximum of three four-year terms.

The Board meets six times per year to discuss and take action regarding licensing and compliance issues, rules, policies, budgetary matters, and other business. During regularly scheduled Board meetings, new candidates for licensure come for an oral interview with the Board, the final step in the licensure process. Following the oral interview, candidates become licensed to practice architecture in Oregon if a majority of the Board deems them to be properly qualified.

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