

Updated for the 2024 Legislative Session

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$159,174	\$10,000	\$57,717	\$5,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$159,174	\$10,000	\$57,717	\$5,000

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 471 replaces the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act with the Engineers, Architects, and Registered Interior Designers Regulation Act (Act). The new Act name would be replaced throughout state statutes. Interior Designers would now register with fees not to exceed \$200 starting after January 1, 2024. Each interior design registrant would obtain a seal from the Board of Engineers, Architects, and Registered Interior Designers (Board). The Board would now consist of 10 members instead of 8 with the addition of 2 Registered Interior Designers. A licensed architect holding a license in good standing under the Act would be able to register with the Board as a registered interior designer without having to meet the registration requirements for those seeking interior designer registration set forth in this bill.

The Board of Engineers and Architects estimates 50 applications in FY25 at a rate of \$200 per application, resulting in \$10,000 revenue to the Cash Fund for this fiscal year. 25 applications are estimated in FY26 resulting in \$5,000 revenue to the Cash Fund for this fiscal year. There is no basis to disagree with these estimates.

Additionally, the Board of Engineers and Architects estimates expenditures from the Cash Fund as a result of this bill for operating costs such as IT changes, costs related to the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ), Board member costs for travel, and other miscellaneous expenses. There is no basis to disagree with these estimates.

We disagree that an additional FTE is necessary because of the relatively low number of applications and licensures being managed. We determine that a .5 FTE for FY 24-25 and FY 25-26 is sufficient. This position would assist with tasks related to the transition of the agency, bringing on new board members, developing and promulgating rules, as well as managing database changes. Per the director, a transition to a new database should be complete by the end of FY 25-26, and this position may no longer be needed.

Although expenditures exceed revenue in the immediate future, based on the current balance in the Cash Fund and the database changes leading to potential savings in the future, no additional appropriation of General Funds is required at this time.

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-25	2025-26
	24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Admin. Programs Officer I	0.5	0.5	\$20,824	\$21,240
Benefits.....			\$19,870	\$22,267
Operating.....			\$112,880	\$8,610
Travel.....			\$5,600	\$5,600
Capital outlay.....				
Total	0.5	0.5	\$159,174	\$57,717

Please complete ALL (5) blanks in the first three lines.

2024

LB⁽¹⁾ 471

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Board of Engineers and Architects

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jon Wilbeck Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 12/21/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2021

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$199,868	\$10,000	\$97,226	\$5,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

Revenue assumes 50 individuals will apply for registry with a \$200 in FY2024-25 and 25 individuals in FY2025-26.

Expenditures include:

- IT changes include direct database functional changes, online license lookup changes, registration application development, online application & renewal changes. These are reflected in the higher costs for FY24-25.
- CIDQ member board fees (under 150 registrants)
- Board member costs including travel to board meetings and CIDQ annual meeting, compensation, and meals
- Director travel to at least the CIDQ Annual Meeting
- Personnel: 1 additional FTE (APO I), along with benefits and office infrastructure costs
- Rules development & promulgation
- Miscellaneous expenses related to the agency name change include office signage replacement, Board seal redesign & ordering (81-3430), Board logo redesign, Office stationery redesign & reprinting (letterhead, envelopes, etc.); publications revisions, printing, and distribution; other public information material updates, and business cards

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Admin. Programs Officer I	1	1	\$41,648	\$42,481
Benefits.....			\$39,740	\$40,535
Operating.....			\$112,880	\$8,610
Travel.....			\$5,600	\$5,600
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$199,868	\$97,226