

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$39,199	\$39,199	\$48,110	\$48,110
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$39,199	\$39,199	\$48,110	\$48,110

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 227 would adopt the Interior Designers Certification Act.

The bill would create a Board of Interior Designers, establish qualifications for membership on the Board, provide that members are appointed by the Governor, set length of terms for Board members, provide duties, and allow members to be reimbursed for actual expenses.

The bill also provides for the certification of individuals as certified interior designers and institutes requirements and fees for such certification. Fees for certification, renewal, and reinstatement are to be sufficient to defray the costs of administering the Act but not more than \$300 or less than \$100. All fees are to be credited to the Interior Designers Certification Cash Fund which is created by LB 227 and is to be administered by the Board of Engineers and Architects with oversight by the Board of Interior Designers.

The bill has an operative date of January 1, 2010.

The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) are given administrative authority by LB 227 and estimates start-up costs for the Board of Interior Designers Certification Act of \$39,199. This is based on experience the NBEA has in administering two other boards: the Nebraska Board of Geologists and the Nebraska Board of Landscape Architects. The estimate of revenue is based on the assumption that the Board of Interior Designers administrative arrangement with the NBEA would be similar to the arrangement between the NBEA and the two boards it currently administers. Assuming such an arrangement, the revenue received would be a reimbursement to the NBEA from the Interior Designers Certification Cash Fund.

The NBEA indicates that the number of interior designers who may seek certification in Nebraska is unknown, but a comparison of other states who certify such designers indicates the number is likely to be approximately 100, although estimates by professional organizations believe the number could be as high as 200.

There is no basis to disagree with the Board of Engineers and Architects estimate of fiscal impact.

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COMMENTS					
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS: The costs identified by the agency for start-up costs appear to be reasonable.					