

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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LRB Number 05-3739/1		Introduction Number SB-516	
Description Continuing education and certification requirements for building contractors and certification of building inspectors			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
Local:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts			
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS s. 20.143 (3) (j)			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

LRB 3739 contains continuing education and certification requirements regarding the construction of one- and two-family dwellings. Currently, the Department regulates the construction of one- and two-family dwellings through the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC). This code contains requirements for individuals who construct and conduct construction inspections of buildings covered by the UDC. For example, individuals obtaining permits for construction under the code must hold a Contractor Financial Responsibility certification issued by the Department.

LRB 3739 contains the following provisions/requirements:

1. Individuals seeking to obtain a construction permit under the UDC code must also meet continuing education requirements, and must furnish to the issuer of the permit proof of completion of those requirements.
2. Revocation of certification under certain circumstances (e.g., the revocation of certification for individuals who construct one- and two family dwellings without a permit).
3. Individuals seeking to obtain the Contractor Financial Responsibility certification for the first time must pass an examination. Currently, no examination is required.
4. Renames the Contractor Financial Responsibility Council as the Contractor Certification Council and specifies duties of the council related to this legislation's provisions (e.g., recommend courses that would meet the continuing education requirements).

There are currently 9,444 individuals with Contractor Financial Responsibility licenses who would be required to meet continuing education requirements. Based on this number, the Department estimates about 500 complaints annually averaging 1 hour per complaint. The Department estimates that .5 FTE position (Engineering Consultant-Uniform Dwelling Sr.) at an annual cost of \$43,100 would be needed to implement the provisions contained in LRB 3739. In addition to enforcement activities, workload activities would include continuing education course review and approval, examination development, and consultation. The Department does not anticipate additional workload associated with the administration of examinations.

The Department anticipates that the rules regarding Contractor Financial Responsibility certification would be updated to include the continuing education requirements indicated by LRB 3739. Additional resources would be needed for the purpose of tracking the fulfillment of continuing education requirements and telephone consultation. The Department estimates that .5 FTE position (License/Permit Program Associate B) at an annual cost of \$26,400 would be needed.

The Department estimates that LRB 3739 would not result in additional workload for municipalities that administer the UDC as agents of the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$53,700	0
(FTE Position Changes)		(1.0 FTE)	(0.0 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		15,800	0
Local Assistance		0	0
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		0	0
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$69,500	\$0
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		0	0
FED		0	0
PRO/PRS (PRO)		69,500	0
SEG/SEG-S		0	0
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$0	\$0
GPR Earned		0	0
FED		0	0
PRO/PRS		0	0
SEG/SEG-S		0	0
TOTAL State Revenues		\$0	\$0
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$69,500	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$0	\$0
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