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LB 664

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 664 amends the Engineers and Architects Regulations Act.

The bill adds new language to the Act to provide immunity from liability for an architect or professional engineer providing their services in a voluntary capacity during a declared national, state, or local emergency caused by a natural disaster, terrorist attack or other similar catastrophic event. The architect or professional engineer must have been requested by the appropriate public official, law enforcement official, public safety official, or building inspector acting in their official capacity to perform the service. The immunity only applies to those services provided during the emergency or within 90-days following the date of the emergency. The immunity does not apply for willful, wanton, reckless or intentional misconduct.

The Board of Engineers and Architects indicates no additional costs as a result of LB 664.

We agree with the Board's estimate of cost.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 664	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Board of Engineers and Architects	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush		DATE: January 17, 2014	PHONE: 471-4161
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Board's estimate of impact.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Board of Engineers and Architects

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2014-15</u>		<u>FY 2015-16</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact determined.

LB 664 provides waived liability for architects or professional engineers to work on a voluntary basis within 90 days following an emergency. In the past five years no known incidents had conflicts due to the lack of this statute. Yet, with potential structural and operational issues resulting from disasters such as tornadoes and flooding, volunteer licensees may be more inclined to provide leadership and support in the event of a disaster.

Given the limited history and uncertain probability for applicable events, no additional costs are expected in the next two fiscal years.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2014-15 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2015-16 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>14-15</u>	<u>15-16</u>		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				