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TO: Honorable Kino Flores, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1790 by Chisum (relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, including functions affecting architects, landscape architects, and interior designers; providing a criminal penalty), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1790, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$175,360 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$87,680
2005	\$87,680
2006	\$87,680
2007	\$87,680
2008	\$87,680

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2004	\$87,680
2005	\$87,680
2006	\$87,680
2007	\$87,680
2008	\$87,680

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would continue the Board of Architectural Examiners for another 12 years. The bill would improve the Board's enforcement program by expanding its authority, conform key elements of the Board's licensing and regulatory functions to commonly applied licensing agency practices and require the Board to form a joint practice committee with the Board of Professional Engineers.

The bill would also increase the maximum administrative penalty charged by the Board from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2003.

Methodology

Increasing the maximum administrative penalty the agency can charge would generate an estimated \$87,680 in General Revenue based on historical experience.

It is estimated the agency could implement the other provisions of the bill within current resources and would adjust fees to offset any increase or decrease in fee revenue.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 459 Board of Architectural Examiners, 460 Board of Professional Engineers, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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