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TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1573 by Geren (relating to the definition of the practice of architecture and to certificates of merit for design professionals.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code to expand the definition of architecture and would require the Board of Architectural Examiners to regulate registered architects in new areas. The Board of Architectural Examiners assumes that there would be an increase in case load involving unregistered persons subject to discipline for practicing architecture without registration.

Because the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners participates in the Self-Directed, Semi-Independent program, any fiscal impact would be to the agency's operating fund held outside the state treasury.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 459 Board of Architectural Examiners

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