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

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

IN RE: HB1985 by Thompson (Relating to the regulation of interior designers; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1985, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	(\$46,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	(\$46,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the regulation of interior designers. The bill would authorize the Board of Architectural Examiners to waive registration requirements for certain interior designers under guidelines and requirements established by the bill. The bill would require the Board of Architectural Examiners to adopt rules no later than February 1, 2008. The bill would also establish that certain violations would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$250 or more than \$5,000.

Except for Section 1051.3515 relating to renewal eligibility, which would take effect September 1, 2011, the bill would only apply to an application for an initial or renewal interior designer certificate of registration filed with the Board of Architectural Examiners on or after March 1, 2008.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Methodology

Based on the analysis of the Board of Architectural Examiners, it is assumed that approximately 230 Texas licensees in fiscal year 2012 would not renew under new eligibility requirements established in the bill. Accordingly, this analysis assumes that a revenue loss of \$46,000 to the General Revenue Fund would be realized in fiscal year 2012 from these licensees not renewing a license and not paying a required \$200 professional fee.

This analysis does not consider fiscal impacts to funds held outside the treasury for the Board of Architectural Examiners nor any revenues that may be generated from penalties which may be assessed due to the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 459 Board of Architectural Examiners

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