

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

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

IN RE: HB3114 by Flores (Relating to continuing professional education requirements for land surveyors.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3114, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

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
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2009
2010	(\$20,786)	\$20,786	0.5
2011	(\$19,286)	\$19,286	0.5
2012	(\$19,286)	\$19,286	0.5
2013	(\$19,286)	\$19,286	0.5
2014	(\$19,286)	\$19,286	0.5

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to continuing professional education requirements for land surveyors. The bill amends the Professional Land Surveying Practices Act by increasing the number of continuing education hours that a registrant must get to renew their certificate to practice surveying from 8 to 16.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Methodology

According to information provided by the Board of Professional Land Surveying, the agency's computer program would have to be programmed to track the increased number of hours. The agency estimates programming costs to be \$4,000 in FY 2010. In addition, the agency estimates that one part-time employee would be needed to assist with data entry and filing. The agency estimates the total cost for implementation of the bill would be \$24,786 in 2010 and \$19,286 in 2011-14.

Based on the analysis of the agency, it is assumed that the Board would adjust license fees to cover any additional costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Technology

The agency estimates a one-time programming cost of \$4,000 for changes to the agency's computer system and \$1,500 for a personal computer for the part-time employee.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 464 Board of Professional Land Surveying

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