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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUNSET ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [X] State Revenue [] State Transfer [] Local Government
[X] State Expenditure [X] TABOR Refund [] Statutory Public Entity

Sunset bill. This bill continues the State Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Professional Land Surveyors in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024. State fiscal impacts include only the continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures. The program is continued through September 1, 2033.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1329^1

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), Continuing Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), and Other Budget Impacts (TABOR Refund).

^1 Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Changes under the bill will not have a fiscal impact in the program. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the State Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Professional Land Surveyors in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024, for nine years, until September 1, 2033. The bill also makes the following changes to the program:

- adds failure to respond to the board regarding complaints as a grounds for discipline;
- updates references to names of professional examinations;
- allows noncitizens and nonresidents to be board members; and
- repeals references regarding the Occupational Credential Portability Program.

The full sunset report can be found [here](#).

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on recent appropriations, DORA is expected to have revenue of about \$1.5 million and expenditures of about \$1.3 million to administer the program. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2025-26. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2024, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2025-26 by the amounts shown in Table 1. The changes to the program do not drive additional revenue and costs.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).