

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19486

Business entities currently renew during the month of July. This creates a significant spike in the work load of the staff. This legislation would stagger the renewal cycle over the year, thus flattening the work load.

There is a high likelihood that national licensing and certification examinations will be converted from paper and pencil to computer application in the near future. The current statutes are overly specific and might preclude us from utilizing computer-based exams of different duration, makeup, timing, siting, etc. This legislation would utilize more generic language to describe the exams, their duration, their frequency, their content, etc.

Current law requires all final work products to be sealed, signed and dated by the professional in responsible charge. If a professional is transferred, fired, promoted, or even dies, the professional who takes over the project cannot, under current law, claim to have been in responsible charge, and thus is precluded from sealing, signing and dating the work product. This legislation will state the conditions and the requirements for taking over responsible charge of a project.

Nomenclature of "curriculum" needs to be changed to "program" and nomenclature of "hearing proceedings" needs to be changed to "administrative proceedings."

Current law requires applicants for assignment to the Fundamentals of Engineering or the Fundamentals of Surveying examination to have three references. Passage of the examination does not confer any practice privileges. No applicant has ever been denied assignment to the exams for lack of these references and the Deans of the Colleges of Engineering have requested that this requirement be eliminated.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no impact to any funds of the State of Idaho.

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