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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S.0685 As signed by the Governor on June 3, 2016
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Subject: Engineers and Surveyors
Requestor: Senate
RFA Analyst(s): Stein
Impact Date: July 20, 2016

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Explanation of Amendment by the Senate on April 26, 2016

State Expenditure

The amendment deleted a provision making brokering or coordinating engineering services, or both illegal. The amendment also deleted a provision requiring registered engineers or surveyors to enter into contracts for professional services on public work by direct negotiation.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that this bill as amended would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Explanation of Bill Filed April 21, 2015

State Expenditure

This bill amends Chapter 22, Title 40 relating to the regulation of engineers and surveyors. The bill amends definitions, adds new qualifications for membership on the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, prohibits the brokering of engineering or surveying services for a fee, specifies the manner in which contracts may be negotiated, requires the board to maintain a daily updated roster of information, and authorizes the board to advise the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) on the development of statutory revisions. The bill limits the granting of emergency license waivers, revises educational and testing requirements for licensure, adds an optional accreditation source for an education requirement, revises eligibility requirements for licensure as a surveyor, and revises requirements for certification to practice as a firm and to operate a branch office. Also, the bill revises circumstances in which LLR may grant a temporary license to an out-of-state firm, and specifies requirements for the submission of plans by someone holding a temporary certificate of authorization.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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