

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2833

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to the board of engineers and land surveyors' appointment of its director and agreement with the department of licensing.

Brief Description: Concerning the board of engineers and land surveyors' appointment of its director and agreement with the department of licensing.

Sponsors: Representative Hoff.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Consumer Protection & Business: 1/31/20, 2/4/20 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/19/20, 98-0.

Passed Senate: 3/6/20, 47-1.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Transfers authority to appoint the Director of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board) to the Board.
- Modifies the support and services provided to the Board by the Department of Licensing.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Kirby, Chair; Vick, Ranking Minority Member; Hoff, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barkis, Blake, Duerr, Dufault, Johnson, J., Ryu, Santos, Volz, Walen and Ybarra.

Staff: Serena Dolly (786-7150).

Background:

The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board) is a state agency that licenses and regulates professional engineers, land surveyors, and on-site

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wastewater system designers. The Board consists of seven members, five professional engineers and two land surveyors, appointed by the Governor. Board members serve five-year terms and may not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

The Governor also appoints an Executive Director of the Board. The Executive Director must hold a valid Washington license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor.

The Board is responsible for setting fees for applications, examinations, licenses, registrations, and renewals. Fees set by the Board must be at a level adequate to pay the Board's administration costs. The Department of Licensing (Department), through an interagency agreement, must provide specified administrative staff support and associated technical services, materials, and equipment to the Board.

Summary of Bill:

The term "Executive" is removed from the Director's title. The Board is responsible for appointing its Director.

The Department is no longer required to provide administrative staff support, materials, and equipment to the Board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bill fixes an oversight in legislation enacted last year. The Department would like more flexibility in the services that must be provided to the Board.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Hoff, prime sponsor; and Beau Perschbacher, Department of Licensing.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.