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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB834

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 24, 2020

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 834 would change provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. The intent of the bill is to reduce barriers to licensure for architects and professional engineers by:

1. allowing candidates for a professional engineer license to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam before gaining four years of experience;
2. removing provisions that architect license candidates must take the professional architectural examinations after graduation from an architectural program accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board;
3. allowing architect candidates the ability to take professional architectural examinations without Board approval; and
4. recognizing a degree from a program accredited by the Canadian engineering and architecture accreditation boards satisfies the education requirements for licensure in Nebraska.

LB 834 also provides clarification that board members participating in authorized activities in person, by telephone or by electronic means are eligible for compensation.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Arch