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LB 22

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 22 amends the Engineers and Architects Regulations Act.

The bill adds new language to the Act to provide immunity from liability for an architect or professional engineer providing their services in a voluntary capacity during a declared national, state, or local emergency caused by a natural disaster, terrorist attack or other similar catastrophic event. The architect or professional engineer must have been requested by the appropriate public official, law enforcement official, public safety official, or building inspector acting in their official capacity to perform the service. The immunity only applies to those services provided during the emergency or within 90-days following the date of the emergency. The immunity does not apply for willful, wanton, reckless or intentional misconduct.

The Board of Engineers and Architects indicates no additional cost as a result of LB 22.

We agree with the Board's estimate of cost.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 22

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

LB 22 waives liability for architects or professional engineers to work on a voluntary basis within 90 days following an emergency. In the past five years, no known incidents resulted in conflicts due to the lack of this statute. Yet, with potential structural and operational issues resulting from disasters such as tornadoes and flooding, volunteer licensees may be more inclined to provide leadership and support in the event of a disaster.

Given the limited history and uncertain probability for applicable events, no additional expenditures are expected in the next two fiscal years.