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Sponsor Statement

CS SB 114 (L&C)

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; extending the term of a temporary member of the State Board of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and providing for an effective date."

The State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors is a regulatory board consisting of 10 members appointed by the Governor. The board consists of two civil engineers, two land surveyors, one mining engineer, one electrical or mechanical engineer, one engineer from another branch of the profession of engineering, two architects, and one public member.

Senate Bill 114 seeks to extend the termination date of the Board from June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2017, as recommended by the Legislative Auditor.

The Committee Substitute for SB 114 (L&C) corrects an oversight in the original bill. By statute, the position of the temporary board member must also be extended in this legislation and that was not done in the original bill. The CS simply maintains the status quo of the Board of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors by adding language that extends the term for one temporary, non-voting board member who must be registered as a landscape architect.

The enclosed audit states that the Board "serves a public purpose and has demonstrated an ability to conduct its business in a satisfactory manner. The registration of qualified architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects benefits the public's health, safety, and welfare. We recommend that the legislature extend the termination date of the board until June 30, 2017."

I urge your support of this legislation.