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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/14/19

SPONSOR Munoz LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Surveyor & Intern Licensure SB 312

ANALYST Montoya

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20	FY21		
NFI	\$0.00-\$10.0	\$0.00-\$10.0	Recurring	Other Revenues

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates House Bill 268

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (BLPEPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 312 relates to professional licensure and changes the standard for licensing surveyors and surveyor interns. It lowers the educational standards for surveyor interns by removing the four-year degree requirement and adds a “related-science curriculum.” Senate Bill 312 also reduces the number of required years of experience from four years to two years. In addition, Senate Bill 312 provides an option of obtaining licensure with 15 years of continuous experience in New Mexico under the direct supervision of a licensed surveyor along with obtaining an associate’s degree in a board approved surveying or a related science curriculum or its equivalent. Senate Bill 312 pluralizes the term, “examination” to “examinations.”

The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Lowering the licensure standards could bring in more surveyors to the profession and this would be an estimated increased revenue up to \$10 thousand each year.

If SB312 is enacted BLPEPS would be tasked with creating an additional examination of up to

100 questions.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

BLPEPS reports that lowering the educational standards for surveying licensure creates an increased risk and does not promote the mission of the Board, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and to ensure individuals are qualified to practice. In 1995 the four-year curriculum requirement was implemented and the quality of surveying has improved significantly.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

BLPEPS reports that the proposed changes will require them to create an additional licensing exam in lieu of the required 7 hour national Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam.

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