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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/19

SPONSOR Martinez, RS **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** 268

SHORT TITLE Surveyor & Intern Licensure Standards **SB** _____

ANALYST Montoya

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

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

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 268 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.” House Bill 268 also reduces the number of required years of experience from four years to two years. In addition, House Bill 268 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. House Bill 268 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 \$10.0 each year.

If HB268 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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