

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1824

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** LaRock

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; deregulation of interior designers.

**5. Summary:** Eliminates the requirements for licensure of landscape architects and polygraph examiners, and certification of interior designers. The bill contains numerous technical amendments to accomplish the deregulation of these professions.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8, below.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	\$0	0	N/A
2018	(\$21,801)	0	NGF
2019	(\$21,801)	0	NGF
2020	(\$21,801)	0	NGF
2021	(\$21,801)	0	NGF
2022	(\$21,801)	0	NGF
2023	(\$21,801)	0	NGF

**7b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017	\$0	N/A
2018	(\$84,899)	NGF
2019	(\$84,899)	NGF
2020	(\$84,899)	NGF
2021	(\$84,899)	NGF
2022	(\$84,899)	NGF
2023	(\$84,899)	NGF

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill decreases the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by deregulating the professions of certified interior designers, landscape architects and polygraph examiners. Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects are currently regulated by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and

Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board). Polygraph Examiners are currently regulated under the authority of the DPOR Director with assistance from the Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board.

DPOR would see a decrease in revenue and expenditures with the deregulation of the three professions. Fees from applicants and regulants would no longer be collected for the applications and renewals of the professional licenses or certifications. Due to the small regulant population size of these three programs, no reductions in DPOR staff are expected.

Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects: Decreased annual revenue is expected for certified interior designers of approximately \$10,830 and for landscape architects of approximately \$52,905. As of January 1, 2017, there are 497 certified interior designers and 902 landscape architects. Application fees are \$45 for certified interior designers and \$125 for landscape architects. The renewal fees are \$45 for certified interior designers and \$110 for landscape architects. Decreased annual expenditures are expected to be approximately \$6,936 for certified interior designers (including a \$4,000 membership fee to the National Council for Interior Design Qualification; two board members' related expenses of \$1,400; postage and other related expenses.). Decreased annual expenditures are expected to be approximately \$8,821 for landscape architects (including a \$5,485 membership fee to the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards; two board members' related expenses of \$1,400; postage and other related expenses). Deregulating these two professions would result in a licensee population of 41,042 under the APELSCIDLA Board. DPOR does not anticipate that the APELSCIDLA Board will need a fee increase for several years, and a decrease in revenue from certified interior designers and landscape architects would not be expected to change that expected time frame.

Polygraph Examiners: Decreased annual revenue is expected for polygraph examiners of approximately \$21,164. As of January 1, 2017, there are 290 polygraph examiners. Application fees are \$95 and renewal fees \$55. Decreased annual expenditures are expected to be approximately \$6,044 for polygraph examiners (including eight advisory board members' related expenses, postage, and other costs).

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.