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P.O. Box 8935
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April 13, 1998

Re: WSPE opinion on AB 655

Administrative Rules Committee Members:

The Professional Engineers Examining Board asked the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE) to review and comment on Assembly Bill 655. At our April 4, 1998 Board of Directors' meeting, the bill was discussed at length, specifically with respect to the proposed changes relative to qualifications for an applicant who wishes to obtain a permit as a designer of engineering systems.

As we understand the bill, it would result in the following changes:

1. Decrease the experience requirement from 8 to 6 years.
2. Require the applicant to pass a written examination.
3. Eliminate the "grandfather clause" that would allow an applicant who is at least 35 years old and has 12 or more years experience in the relevant field to obtain a permit.

WSPE does not object to these changes.

We submit this as testimony for the April 15, 1998, Joint Board Administrative Rules Committee meeting. If you or anyone on your staff have questions on our position on this legislation, please have them contact me at (414) 272-2426.

Sincerely,

Max Schmiede, P.E.
President

cc: Representative Clifford Otte ✓
Secretary Marlene Cummings, Dept. of Regulation & Licensing

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Young, Dan

From: Young, Dan
Sent: Monday, April 13, 1998 8:25 AM
To: 'Duane Stegall'
Cc: 'Cummings, Secretary Marlene (fax)'
Subject: RE: Assembly Bill 655

Mr. Stegall:

AB 655 was introduced by me at the Board's request. This was a courtesy introduction to allow an opportunity for discussion on the bill. I agree with your concern. Because of the concern you raise and other concerns, I did not advance the bill in committee.

CLIFFORD OTTE
Chair
Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs

From: Duane Stegall(SMTP:d_stegall@hotmail.com)
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 1998 12:16 PM
To: Rep.Otte
Subject: Assembly Bill 655

Dear Sir;

My name is Duane Stegall and I am in the Architectural Intern Development Program here in the Southwest Chapter of the Wisconsin AIA I am also an elected official of the City of Fitchburg, Wisconsin. I am very interested in the legislation you sponsored dealing with the licensure of Architects here in Wisconsin. Assembly Bill 655. I have been in the program for 5 years here at Marshall Erdman and Associates after a career in Structural drafting. I started late and am concerned that after getting so close to my goal the carrot is about to be moved away from me and others in the same position as I am. We are a part of the Associate AIA group with the Southwest chapter being 80 active members. Perhaps a grandfather clause could be constructed for those in the program and more then half way through that would allow us to continue and get licensed after say 4 years from the date of the inactment of the bill. I believe something of this nature was originally talked about with the licensing bureau but am concerned with it not in this bill.

I firmly believe this bill will severely limit the profession of architecture as well as the other professions mentioned in the bill. As the only schools offering the Masters Degree in Architecture are in Milwaukee or in Minneapolis, Minn. and besides for someone in a position like me (Young family and first time home buyer) we cannot go back to school at this time.

I would be very honored if you would contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have with my note. My E-Mail address is: d_stegall@hotmail.com or d-stegall@erdman.com My home address is:
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Sincerely
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Preliminary

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Consumer Affairs

Assembly Bill 655

Relating to: qualifications for registration as an architect or landscape architect and qualifications for a permit as a designer of engineering systems.

By Representative Otte, by request of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Geologists, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors.

December 11, 1997 Referred to committee on Consumer Affairs.

January 29, 1998 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (8) Representatives Otte, Johnsrud, Ott, M.
Lehman, Urban, Williams, Hasenohrl and
Black.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances for

- Alfred Hall, Jr., Bureau Director, Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Geologists, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors, Dept. of Regulation & Licensing

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- None.

Registrations against

- None.

Daniel A. Young
Committee Clerk

Assembly Hearing Slip

(Please print plainly)

Date: JANUARY 29, 1998
Bill No. AB 655
Or
Subject _____

ALFRED HALL, JR., Bureau Director
(Name)
1400 E. Washington Ave
(Street Address or Route Number)
MADISON 53703
(City & Zip Code)

Examining Board of Architects
(Representing)
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROF. GEOLOGISTS,
PROF. ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS & LAND SURVEYORS

Speaking in favor: (AND)
Dept. of Registration & Licensing

Speaking against:

Registering in favor:

Registering against:

Speaking for information only:
Neither for nor against:

Please return this slip to a messenger promptly.

Assembly Sergeant at Arms:
Room 411 West
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FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 (R10/94)

- ORIGINAL UPDATE
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.	Amendment No.
AB 655	97-0451/2

Subject
 Qualifications for registration as an architect or landscape architect and qualifications for a permit as a designer of engineering systems

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriation	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriation		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of local government units affected: <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations 20.165 (1) (g)
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill neither increases nor decreases department revenues or expenditures.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Agency/Prepared by: Department of Regulation and Licensing Patricia C. McCormack (608) 267-2435	Authorized Signature 	Date 12/19/97
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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1997 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

ORIGINAL UPDATE
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.	Amendment No.
AB 655	

DOA-2047 (R10/94)

Subject

Qualifications for registration as an architect or landscape architect and qualifications for a permit as a designer of engineering systems

I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$ 0	\$ -
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		
FED		-
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$ 0	\$

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

STATE

LOCAL

NET CHANGE IN COSTS \$ 0 _____

NET CHANGE IN REVENUES \$ 0 _____

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Authorized Signature

Patricia C. McCormack

Date

12/19/97



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TESTIMONY ON ASSEMBLY BILL 655
BEFORE THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS

424 NE STATE CAPITOL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1998, 8:30 A. M.

Good morning, Chairperson Otte and members of the committee. My name is Alfred Hall, a Bureau Director at the Department of Regulation and Licensing. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of AB 655 on behalf of the Examining Board Of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Geologists, Professional Engineers, Designers And Land Surveyors and the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

AB 655, makes various changes in the qualifications that a person must satisfy to be registered by the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional geologists, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors (examining board) as an architect or landscape architect or to receive a permit as a designer of engineering systems. The examining board and the department are in full support of the proposed legislation as it amends the statutes to identify the current minimum competency standards required for registration as an architect, registration as a landscape architect and for a permit as a designer of engineering systems.

The Board believes that an increase in the minimum competency standards is necessary for architects, landscape architects and designer of engineering systems to acquire the schooling and experience needed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Wisconsin citizenry.

Under current law, an architect applicant can apply for registration by using specified equivalencies between schooling and experience to determine the number of years of experience in architectural work to which an applicant's education is equivalent. The bill eliminates the specific qualifications between schooling and experience and instead requires the examining board to determine, for purposes of the second alternative, the amount of experience to which any postsecondary education of an applicant is equivalent. The examining board must then reduce the 13 or more years of experience required by the amount of experience to which the applicant's education is equivalent.

Under current law, an applicant for registration as a landscape architect must pass a written examination or written and oral examinations. This bill requires the examination or examinations to include questions designed to demonstrate knowledge of the design needs of people with physical disabilities and of relevant statutes and codes.

Regulatory Boards

Accounting; Architects; Landscape Architects; Professional Geologists; Professional Engineers; Designers and Land Surveyors; Auctioneer; Barbering and Cosmetology; Chiropractic; Dentistry; Dietitians; Funeral Directors; Hearing and Speech; Medical; Nursing; Nursing Home Administrator; Optometry; Pharmacy; Physical Therapists; Psychology; Real Estate; Real Estate Appraisers; Social Workers; Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors; and Veterinary.

Under current law, permits granted by the examining board to designers of engineering systems are limited to designated fields and subfields of technology. This bill eliminates the reference to "subfields" and allows the examining board to designate fields of technology only.

Under current law, an applicant for a permit as a designer of engineering systems must have either eight or more years of experience in specialized engineering design work and satisfactory completion of a written examination in the relevant field; or if the applicant is 35 years old, 12 or more years of experience in the relevant field. In addition, any academic training in engineering technology or participation in approved apprenticeship program may be considered the equivalent of not more than four years of experience. Graduation from a course in a subject other than engineering technology is counted as the equivalence of two years of experience.

This bill eliminates the second alternative of granting experience for working in the related field; alternative by decreasing from eight years to six years the number of required years of experience. With respect to an applicant who has graduated from a course in a subject other than engineering technology, the examining board may (but not is required to) count that course work as the equivalent of not more than three years of experience.

Thank you again, for allowing me to present testimony in support of AB 655. We hope that you vote favorably for this important piece of legislation. If you have any questions at this time, I will be more than happy to answer them.