

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-3460/1	Introduction Number	SB-394	Estimate Type	Original
Description Professional land surveyors; the practice of professional land surveying; surveying land abutting navigable waters; various changes regarding platting, surveying, and certified survey maps; and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a person may not practice land surveying or represent that they are a land surveyor unless the land surveyor section of the examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors has issued a certificate of registration. This bill replaces "land surveying" with the term "professional land surveying" and defines specific activities that are "land surveying" and require licensure. It also replaces the certificate of registration with "licensure" and makes the references to "professional land surveying" and "licensure" consistent throughout the statutes. The bill also modifies exemptions from certification/licensure as a land surveyor and eliminates two current methods for obtaining licensure.

The bill further modifies laws related to subdivision plats, certified survey maps and the recording of plats to:

- streamline the statutory plat submittal process and reflect the use of current technology and business practices;
- modify technical mapping requirements for subdivisions and certified survey maps;
- modify time limits and vacation procedures for certified survey maps so the requirements are consistent with those for subdivision plats; and
- modify recording requirements for subdivision plats.

The proposal will have minimal fiscal impact on DOA. The activities that staff engage in while performing their duties does not appear to fall under the revised definition of "land surveying". The proposed changes to the laws relating to subdivisions and certified survey maps will modernize the statutes and reflect the current use of technology and business practices. The proposed changes to the technical mapping, vacation and recording requirements will clarify ambiguity in the law and provide options in the mapping of subdivisions and certified survey maps. These proposed changes may provide some cost savings through the streamlining of the submittal process.

The proposal will have limited fiscal impact on local units of government. The proposed changes to the laws related to subdivision plats and certified survey maps may provide some cost savings through the streamlining of the submittal process.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Minimal.