

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	21-4819/1	Introduction Number	SB-626	Estimate Type	Original
Description Selection of architects and engineers for state projects					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law governing the selection committee appointed by the Department of Administration (DOA) for the purpose of selecting an architect or engineer for construction projects, if the project's estimated cost is \$7,400,000 or more, the selection committee must use a request-for-proposal process established by DOA to make its selection based on qualifications. For smaller projects, under administrative rule, an architect/engineer firm with a single responsible member can be considered for selection only for projects with an estimated cost below \$1,000,000. SB 626 would specify that a selection committee may not refuse to select an architect or engineer for a construction project that has an estimated cost of less than \$7,400,000 because the architect or engineer operates an architect and engineer firm with only one responsible architect and engineer.

The bill would not provide funding to DOA; therefore, it is expected that existing staff would absorb the duties associated with evaluating the professional services offered by additional architect/engineer firms. The extent to which the changes would affect state costs is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications