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2003 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1204

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-22-03

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Minutes: **Chairman Kaiser:** opened the hearing on HB 1204. All committee members were present.

Mary Ekstrom, District 11 in Fargo: appeared in support of HB 1204 (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

Representative Klein: have you met with existing boards to see if it would fit in with their system?

Mary Ekstrom: I haven't had chance to analyze that.

Jim Hanson, Landscape Architect, Fargo: appeared in support of HB 1204. (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY)

Representative Klein what states are you currently licensed in and what are you fees?

Jim Hanson: California, Minnesota, South Dakota, and the fees varies from 100 dollars to 150 dollars.

Representative Ruby: How often do projects in ND require license fees?

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Jim Hanson: I would say several times a year, several projects require it.

Dennis Colliton, FASLA: appeared in favor of HB 1204 and provided written testimony. SEE
ATTACHED TESTIMONY)

Representative Klein: what does your title FASLA stand for?

Dennis Colliton: Fellow American Social Land Architects. And we have 123 students enrolled
in the five year curriculum.

Greg Hammond, New Rockford, District 23 : appeared in support of the bill. I've grown to
love ND and would hate to have to leave ND to do the job that I have, to become licensed.

Aaron Olson, 4th year student landscape architect NDSU: appeared in support of this bill. I
have experienced first hand some real life practice of landscaping. The feed back was so positive
and encouraging that it was a benefit to be a part of the design team. Unfortunately I'll be
graduating next year, opportunities won't exist for landscape architecture on the jobs in the state
of ND so I will have to leave ,as I've watched over the past 3 years a lot of graduates with a lot of
talent leave to continue their development of their degree.

Representative Eckstrom: are you originally from ND.?

Aaron Olson: No, I'm from central Minnesota.

Joshua Walter, Associate Professor NDSU, teacher : appeared in support of HB 1204, I'm
also a transplant from Maine I've been here for 10 years, and I'm staying here to see if we can
make a difference. The state should be interested in seeing that the people want to stay here.
One of the things that I do want to bring up is trying to keep rural communities alive that in other
states are fast disappearing. Those landscape architects can contribute in trying to keep those
communities alive.

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Jim Wen: appeared in support of HB 1204 and urged a do pass for the reasons to try to keep the students in the state, without license we are saying to those students is, we are glad you went to school here but good-bye. And I would strongly refuse to pass on this bill.

Cynthia Sondreal, a current NDSU student offered oral testimony in support of HB 1204.

Paul Gleye, Chair of the NDSU Landscape Architect program, spoke in strong support of HB 1204.

Bonnie Larson Staiger, Executive Director of AIA North Dakota: appeared in opposition of HB 1204. (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

Todd Kranda, Attorney, Kelsch Law Firm: appeared in opposition of HB 1204. (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

Bill Schoen, Architect, Grand Forks: I 'm a graduate of NDSU, I have a architectural practice in Grand Forks and I'm in opposition of HB 1204. I think there are problems with the bill the way it is written. The 100 dollar fee that is proposed in the bill amounts to 2,000 to 7,000 dollars worth of revenue, based on how many would seek. The expenses is another story where as the president of the board, I have a real problem, in order to meet the expenses you might have to have a 50% increase in funds. With registration comes regulation.

Rep. Klein: Don't you think that in time wouldn't the financial situation balance out? Couldn't you assess the landscape architects for some of the fees?

Bill Schoen: Some of these expenses will be there every year. Regarding your earlier question about combined boards, there are many across the country. Each have their own statutes and rules to follow even though they enjoy the efficiency of a combined board.

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Replying to Rep. Kasper's question about current financial condition of the State Board of Architecture, Schoen stated that they have 600 registered architects in the state (in state that's 130, out of state about 400). Yearly fees of \$65 and the expenses of the board creates a tight budget. We have funds in a legal defense fund (\$60,000).

Rep. Severson asked how they keep track of that membership to which Schoen replied that they have an independent contractor who maintains their data base and provides administrative services.

There being no further testimony in opposition to HB 1204, Vice-Chair Severson closed the hearing.

Representatives Ruby, Klein, Boe and Dennis Colliton were asked to meet this afternoon to work out a resolution in some of the areas that can be refined on this legislation.

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Minutes: Chairman Kelsner called for committee work on HB 1204.

Rep. Ekstrom walked the committee through the amendments prepared by Legislative Council.

Precise definitions for architects, landscape architects, and landscape architecture are now included within this legislation. She stated that the AIA has not come forth with input or further response.

Rep. Kasper: Are golf course superintendents excluded?

Rep. Ekstrom: Yes.

Rep. Klein: The engineers weren't pleased with all this. What is the additional cost of doing this?

Rep. Ekstrom: There is a fund available for start up, that fund will be applied back to the Board of Architecture.

Rep. Ekstrom moved to adopt the amendments. Rep. Froseth seconded the motion. A voice vote carried the motion to adopt the amendments.

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Rep. Ekstrom moved a Do Pass As Amended. **Rep. Tieman** seconded the motion.

Rep. Ruby: How many landscape architects are there in the state? Why not form their own board? Is this the right board for them?

Rep. Ekstrom: There are currently 24 landscape architects in the state.

Rep. Klein: Yes, it is.

Rep. Severson and **Rep. Zaiser** voiced their support for HB 1204.

The motion for a **Do Pass As Amended** carried with results of 11-3-0.

Rep. Ruby will carry this on the floor.

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