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House Bill 4793 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Barb Byrum
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Occupational Code to remove certain requirements regarding experience, education, and references from the criteria an applicant must meet to be examined as an architect, and apply those requirements instead to the criteria for being licensed as an architect.

Currently, to be examined as an architect, an applicant must provide documentation of at least eight years of professional experience in architectural work satisfactory to the board of architects, including at least six years of education, and provide at least five references, including three from licensed architects who have personal knowledge of the applicant's professional experience.

Under the bill, an individual would have to provide the required documentation and references in order to be licensed as an architect rather than to be examined as an architect. (The bill would retain a requirement that an applicant provide evidence of completion of a first professional degree or further degree in architecture, satisfactory to the board of architects, to be examined as an architect.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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