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Senate Bill 479 (as introduced 9-11-13)  
Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Jansen  
Committee: Regulatory Reform

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would repeal Section 601a of the Occupational Code, which provides for an advisory subcommittee on interior design, and would rescind an administrative rule related to the placement of interior designers on a list of qualified designers. The bill also would delete provisions of the Code related to interior designers.**

#### Repeal of Interior Designer Regulation

Section 601a created the advisory subcommittee to verify the qualifications of interior designers who have not passed an examination but who seek qualification for the performance of interior design services on the basis of education and experience, and to recommend the qualifications of those interior designers to perform interior design services. The section allows the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to promulgate rules to administer it, including rules for reasonable fees charged to people seeking qualification for performing interior design services, and procedures for adding and removing individuals from the list of qualified interior designers. The bill would delete that section.

The bill also would rescind an administrative rule that established procedures for the placement on the interior designer qualification list, and set a \$20 fee for qualified applicants to be placed on that list (R 339.601a).

Under the Occupational Code, an interior designer may perform services in connection with the design of interior spaces including preparation of documents relative to finishes, systems furniture, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and interior partitions that do not affect the building mechanical, structural, electrical, or fire safety systems. The bill would delete that provision.

#### Registration Issuance Periods

The Code requires LARA to issue an initial or renewal license or registration within specific time frames. Those requirements do not apply to certain licenses or registrations, including an interior designer listed under the Code. The bill would delete this reference to interior designers.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would save the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs approximately \$32,000 annually, and have no fiscal impact on local units of government. The bill would repeal the listing of interior designers as currently performed by LARA. The Department has indicated that the \$20 one-time listing fee paid by interior designers is not sufficient to cover the costs of maintaining the list, and that the cost of maintaining the list exceeds revenue by approximately \$32,000 annually.

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