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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING LCB File No. R111-16

1. **A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small business, a summary of their responses, and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:**

Through its newsletter and e-mail blasts, the Board sent notices of the proposed regulations to all of its registrants and small businesses on August 17, 2016 and August 25, 2016. The agency discussed and reviewed the proposed regulations at one of its publicly noticed board meetings on August 17, 2016 and also posted a copy of the draft regulations on its website on August 18, 2016. The Board held a Public Workshop on September 6th 2016. There were no comments from the public or small businesses regarding the proposed regulation. The Board held a Public Hearing on October 26, 2016. There were no member of the public in attendance. The agency used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses resultant from the regulation change since regulation merely adds an alternative path to registration through an application review by the Council of Interior Design Qualification's (CIDQ). For those few interior designer applicants who did not graduate from an accredited program, the result of the regulation is that they will have two paths to registration: the current process where their portfolio review is conducted by the Board or through the new process where the portfolio review will be conducted through the CIDQ. The Board determined that although the CIDQ process would cost the applicant something additional to the Board's application fee (the CIDQ presently believes its review fee would be \$500), the additional cost to the applicant would be offset by a speedier process for the few interior design candidates impacted, who would become registered sooner than the present process and, hence, would be in the work force sooner. The choice as to which process selected will be with the applicant.

2. **The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small business which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:**

- a. **Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**

The intent of the proposed regulations under R111-16 is to add an alternative path to registration for some interior designers and, therefore, to provide applicants two ways to become licensed, either CIDQ or directly to the Board. The beneficial effect will be a speedier process for those applicants who chose to use the CIDQ path; the adverse effect is that the CIDQ path will be slightly more expensive to the applicant.

- b. **Both direct and indirect effects.**

The direct effect of R111-16 will be that interior design applicants who did not graduate from an accredited program will now have the choice of two paths to registration. The indirect effect of R111-16 will be that more interior design applicants who did not graduate from an accredited program may apply and become registered in Nevada.

3. **A description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulations on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.**

The Board received no comment from any of its registrants. Without such input, the Board used its best judgment to determine that there was no way to reduce the only potential negative impact – namely CIDQ's \$500 review fee – because the CIDQ review simply costs what it costs to administer.

4. **The estimated cost to the agency for the enforcement of the proposed regulation.**

There is no cost to the agency.

5. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect, and the manner in which the money will be used.
The regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulations on small businesses, that I am the person at the agency most knowledgeable regarding the regulations and their potential impact, and that the information contained in the statement above is accurate.



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