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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's board of  
2 professional engineers, architects, surveyors, and landscape  
3 architects (board) previously voted in favor of adopting a  
4 uniform standard for landscape architecture licensure developed  
5 in 2022 by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration  
6 Boards, of which the board is a member. The Council of  
7 Landscape Architectural Registration Boards is a nonprofit  
8 organization that works to protect the public's health, safety,  
9 and welfare by establishing and promoting professional licensure  
10 standards for landscape architects. Its members are the  
11 licensure boards across the United States and Canada.

12           The legislature further finds that the board is the entity  
13 best suited to determine the eligibility requirements for the  
14 licensure of landscape architects in the State and should be  
15 authorized to implement standards as it deems appropriate.

16           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:



1 (1) Authorize the board of professional engineers,  
 2 architects, surveyors, and landscape architects to  
 3 determine the appropriate educational and examination  
 4 requirements for landscape architect licensure in the  
 5 State; and

6 (2) Clarify experience requirements for landscape  
 7 architect licensure.

8 SECTION 2. Section 464-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 9 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
 10 and to read as follows:

11 "Board" means the board of professional engineers,  
 12 architects, surveyors, and landscape architects established in  
 13 section 464-6."

14 SECTION 3. Section 464-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 15 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

16 "(d) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a  
 17 professional landscape architect unless:

18 (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license in  
 19 good standing issued to the person by any  
 20 jurisdiction~~[, domestic or foreign, in which the~~  
 21 ~~requirements for licensure at the time the person was~~



1 ~~first licensed are of a standard satisfactory to the~~  
2 ~~board; provided that if the board is in doubt as to~~  
3 ~~whether the standards are satisfactory, or as to~~  
4 ~~whether the holder was required to fully comply with~~  
5 ~~them, it]~~ approved by the board to practice landscape  
6 architecture; provided that the board shall require  
7 that the holder successfully pass [~~the national~~  
8 ~~landscape architect licensing examination and]~~ a  
9 written examination, prescribed by the board designed  
10 to test the holder's knowledge of the State's climatic  
11 conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land  
12 use ordinance and special management area  
13 requirements, and cultural and historical conditions  
14 affecting landscape architecture;

- 15 (2) The person is the holder of a [~~master's~~] degree in  
16 landscape architecture from [~~an institution of higher~~  
17 ~~education approved by the board; is a graduate of]~~ a  
18 school or college approved by the board [~~as of~~  
19 ~~satisfactory standing and has completed a landscape~~  
20 ~~architectural curriculum of four years or more]; has  
21 had two years of full-time lawful experience in~~



1 landscape architecture work of a character  
2 satisfactory to the board, or part-time lawful  
3 experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be the  
4 equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed the  
5 national landscape architect licensing examination and  
6 a written examination, prescribed by the board  
7 designed to test the person's knowledge of the State's  
8 climatic conditions, native plants and native  
9 ecosystems, land use ordinance and special management  
10 area requirements, and cultural and historical  
11 conditions affecting landscape architecture; or  
12 [~~(3)~~] ~~The person is a graduate of a school or college~~  
13 ~~approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and~~  
14 ~~has completed a landscape architectural curriculum of~~  
15 ~~four years or more; has had three years of full-time~~  
16 ~~lawful experience in landscape architecture work of a~~  
17 ~~character satisfactory to the board, or part-time~~  
18 ~~experience which the board finds to be the equivalent~~  
19 ~~thereof; and has successfully passed the national~~  
20 ~~landscape architect licensing examination and a~~  
21 ~~written examination, prescribed by the board designed~~



1           ~~to test the person's knowledge of the State's climatic~~  
2           ~~conditions, native plants and native ecosystems, land~~  
3           ~~use ordinance and special management area~~  
4           ~~requirements, and cultural and historical conditions~~  
5           ~~affecting landscape architecture;~~  
6        ~~(4) The person is a graduate of a school or college~~  
7           ~~approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and~~  
8           ~~has completed a pre-landscape architecture or arts and~~  
9           ~~science curriculum of four years or more; has had five~~  
10          ~~years of full-time lawful experience in landscape~~  
11          ~~architecture work of a character satisfactory to the~~  
12          ~~board, or part-time experience which the board finds~~  
13          ~~to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully~~  
14          ~~passed the national landscape architect licensing~~  
15          ~~examination and a written examination, prescribed by~~  
16          ~~the board designed to test the person's knowledge of~~  
17          ~~the State's climatic conditions, native plants and~~  
18          ~~native ecosystems, land use ordinance and special~~  
19          ~~management area requirements, and cultural and~~  
20          ~~historical conditions affecting landscape~~  
21          ~~architecture; or~~



1       ~~(5)~~ (3) The person has had [~~twelve~~] eight years of full-  
2       time lawful experience in landscape architecture work  
3       of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time  
4       lawful experience [~~which~~] that the board finds to be  
5       the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed  
6       the national landscape architect licensing examination  
7       and a written examination, prescribed by the board  
8       designed to test the person's knowledge of the State's  
9       climatic conditions, native plants and native  
10      ecosystems, land use ordinance and special management  
11      area requirements, and cultural and historical  
12      conditions affecting landscape architecture.

13      ~~(6)~~ The person may earn credit toward the required years  
14      of lawful experience through one of the following  
15      options:

16      (A) If the person holds a degree or certificate in  
17      landscape architecture not from a school or  
18      college approved by the board, then the person  
19      may be credited with one year of experience for  
20      each year of schooling completed up to a maximum  
21      of four years of credited experience; or



1           (B) If the person holds any degree or certificate,  
2           then the applicant may be credited with six  
3           months of experience for each one year of  
4           schooling completed up to a maximum of two years  
5           of credited experience.

6 The applicant shall also certify on the application that the  
7 applicant has read, understood, and agrees to comply with the  
8 laws and rules that the board determines are required for  
9 licensure.

10           In addition to the foregoing requirements, the board, in  
11 its discretion, may also require additional proof that the  
12 applicant is competent to practice professionally, and whenever  
13 the board is not fully satisfied [~~from~~] with the results of an  
14 examination that any applicant is competent to practice  
15 professionally, it may give the applicant a further examination  
16 or examinations.

17           No person shall be eligible for licensure as a professional  
18 engineer, architect, land surveyor, or landscape architect if  
19 the person does not possess a history of honesty, truthfulness,  
20 financial integrity, and fair dealing."



1 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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**Report Title:**

Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and  
Landscape Architects; Landscape Architects; Licensing  
Requirements

**Description:**

Authorizes the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects,  
Surveyors, and Landscape Architects to determine the appropriate  
educational and examination requirements for landscape architect  
licensure. Clarifies experience requirements for landscape  
architect licensure. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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