

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2173

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE, FEBRUARY 23, 1994

**Brief Description:** Providing for the registration of engineers-in-training.

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Heavey, G. Cole and King; by request of Department of Licensing

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR**

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**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Moore, Chairman; Prentice, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Deccio, Fraser, McAuliffe, Newhouse, Pelz, Prince, Sellar, Sutherland, Vognild and Wojahn.

**Staff:** Catherine Mele (786-7470)

**Hearing Dates:** February 23, 1994

**BACKGROUND:**

Engineers must register with the Department of Licensing before engaging in the practice of engineering. There are two categories of engineer registration: professional engineer and engineer in training.

A professional engineer has eight years or more of specific work experience and has passed an examination. Graduation from an approved four-year engineering program counts as four years of work experience. Each year in an approved program qualifies as one year of experience.

An engineer candidate must graduate from an approved engineering curriculum or have at least four years of experience to qualify to take the first part of a two-part examination. Once the candidate passes the first part of the exam, the candidate qualifies as an engineer in training.

**SUMMARY:**

The examination for engineer-in-training registration may be taken after the applicant has achieved senior standing at an approved school.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Giving schools the option of administering the first phase of the exam to become a registered professional engineer would be beneficial for engineering students.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Alan Rathbun, Dept. of Licensing (pro)