



DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

270 Washington St., S.W., Suite 1-156
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-8400

Greg S. Griffin
STATE AUDITOR
(404) 656-2174

March 5, 2020

Honorable Bill Cowsert
Chairman, Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities
121-F State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
Senate Bill 310 (LC 36 4190S)

Dear Chairman Cowsert:

This bill would revise definitions to define “professional structural engineer” and allow for professional engineers who possess certain specialized knowledge and expertise to obtain a certificate of registration as a professional structural engineer issued by the Secretary of State’s Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

As noted below, the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) expects no net cost to the state.

Impact on State Costs

SOS estimates one-time costs to be approximately \$25,000 for vendor modifications to the information technology system. Given the small number of certificates involved, which include the affidavits provided by current practicing engineers, SOS estimates approximately \$5,000 (10% of a full-time employee) in personnel costs.

Impact on State Revenue

Based on discussions with the structural engineering community, SOS estimates that there are roughly 250 structural engineers who would apply for a new Professional Engineer (P.E.) and Structural Engineer (S.E.) license designation in the first year. Additionally, these engineers would pay a one-time fee of \$120 to \$150, producing revenue of \$30,000 to \$37,500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg S. Griffin".

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Farr".

Kelly Farr, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

GSG/KF/mb