



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING  
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June 25, 2013

**To:** Interested Parties and Persons Who Commented on the Proposed Amended WAC 308-12-205

**From:** Lorin Doyle, Administrator  
Washington State Board for Architects

**Re:** Concise Explanatory Statement  
WSR 13-11-064

**Reasons for Adoption**

The amendments to WAC 308-12-205 are needed to partially suspend renewal fees in an effort to maintain a balanced budget for the architect licensing program. The current temporary suspension expires on July 1, 2013.

**Summary of Comments Received**

In reply to the advertisement of public hearings in the Washington State Register, WSR 13-11-064, the program received six written comments; no one presented oral comments at the June 25, 2013, hearing.

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**Comment:**

We received a comment asking to lower the licensing fee further than the proposed partial suspension.

**Reply:**

The program operates strictly on the fees it collects, and funds are not shared with other programs or other government agencies. The fund balance for the architect program is monitored and reevaluated frequently, and, if appropriate, the fees are adjusted to maintain a balanced budget.

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**Comment:**

We received a number of comments in favor of the temporary fee suspension proposal. Many were in agreement that the program should function efficiently and does not need to collect more fees than it needs to operate.

**Reply:**

We appreciate all of the comments we received and will continue to monitor and adjust fees as necessary.

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