

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6485

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As Passed Senate, February 8, 1996

**Title:** An act relating to the registration of architects.

**Brief Description:** Registering architects.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wojahn and Hale.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Trade: 1/31/96, 2/1/96 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 2/8/96, 45-1.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & TRADE

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pelz, Chair; Heavey, Vice Chair; A. Anderson, Deccio, Franklin, Fraser, McDonald, Newhouse and Wojahn.

**Staff:** Erika Lim (786-7488)

**Background:** To obtain an architect's license, an applicant must pass an examination and have (1) a degree in architecture and three years' work experience, with at least two of those years under the supervision of an architect; (2) at least eight years' work experience approved by the board, with at least four of those years under the direct supervision of an architect; or (3) eight years' experience in designing buildings as a principal activity without registering as an architect.

**Summary of Bill:** In addition to having either a degree in architecture and three years' work experience or eight years' work experience, an applicant must have completed the requirements of a structured intern training program approved by the board.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** Washington is one of eight states that does not require an internship as a requirement to be a registered architect. This affects Washington architects' ability to receive a reciprocal registration from other states. Also, an internship program better prepares applicants to enter the profession because they are exposed to all aspects of the profession.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Michael Krause, Gary Chandler, AIA Washington Council (pro); Norm Johnston, Architect Registration Board (pro).