

The 2026 Legislative Session is ramping up! The licensing update bill we are running has made relatively easy progress, should pass the House Floor soon and will then move to the Senate side. We're also watching a number of bills related to the design and construction industry, have met with Senator Reese regarding the bill that would increase the professional services direct appointment threshold again this year to express concerns, met with the Office State Fire Marshal to better understand HB928 by Representative Fontenot, and worked with Facility Planning and Control on HB755 by Representative Turner regarding the setting up of an IDIQ process for certain project delivery.

Thank you to all of those that have emailed, called, connected with the House Commerce Committee members regarding HB387 and the inclusion of a five-foot requirement to projects. Your voices are making a difference. If you haven't yet sent your emails or reached out to them in some way, please do so! We will continue to work diligently to remove that language.

What we are watching right now:

HB 170, Riser

Provides relative to construction contracts cleaning up two areas of law that might conflict to ensure Louisiana projects are governed by Louisiana law.

STATUS: Scheduled for 3/30 in House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Support

HB 194, Riser

Provides relative to preemptive periods/statute of repose cleaning up two areas of law to bring clarity providing an automatic timeclock even if certificate is not filed by the owner.

STATUS: Scheduled for 3/30 in House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

Support

HB 338, Carver

Re-creates entities transferred to or placed within the office of the governor

STATUS: Passed Committee; Pending House Floor

Support

HB 368, Freeman

Provides relative to historic preservation districts and landmarks commissions in the city of New Orleans

STATUS: Prefiled in the House

Monitor

HB 387, Gadberry

Provides for the incidental practice of engineering

STATUS: Deferred 3/23; Pending in House Committee on Commerce

Oppose

HB 755, Turner

Establishes indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity professional services contracting for design services for certain projects

STATUS: Pending in House Committee on Appropriations

Support if Amended

HB 914, Firment

Expands the certified appraiser qualifications to include building consultants

STATUS: Pending in House Committee on Insurance

Oppose unless Amended

HB 928, Fontenot

Provides relative to commercial building codes

STATUS: Pending in House Committee on Commerce

Monitor; Neutral

SB 291, Abraham

Provides relative to the practice of architecture

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Commerce

Support

SB 315, Reese

Increases budget cost minimums for professional services contract exemptions

STATUS: Pending in Senate Committee on Finance

Oppose

SCR2, Meyers

HOSPITALS: Amends rules relative to certain licensure requirements of hospitals requiring use of updated editions.

STATUS: Passed Senate; Pending House Health and Welfare

Support

SAVE THE DATES:

April

TBA Life of an Architect Series

May

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20 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

June

1 Session Closes

10-13 AIA26 National Conference (San Diego)

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July

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August

TBA Life of an Architect Series

19 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

October

1-2 State Conference (Gulf Shores)

November

1-3 Women's Leadership Summit (Kansas City)

17-19 AIA LA Governance Days

26-27 AIA LA Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

24-25 AIA LA Office Closed

31-2 AIA LA Office Closed

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