

**SUBJECT:** Extending submission deadline for architectural plans for disabled access

**COMMITTEE:** Human Services — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Rose, Herrero, Darby, Elkins, Hughes, Legler, Naishtat, Walle  
0 nays  
1 absent — Hernandez

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jay Arnold, National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Kathy Grant, Todd Gritch, Jim Sealy, Texas Society of Architects; Todd Howard, American Institute of Architects, Dallas Chapter; David Mintz, Texas Apartment Association)  
  
Against — None  
  
On — George Ferrie, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

**BACKGROUND:** Government Code, ch. 469 requires an architect, interior designer, landscape architect, or engineer responsible for the construction or renovation design of a facility to make it accessible and functional for persons with disabilities to submit the plans and specifications no later than the fifth business day after the date of issuance. If issued on more than one date, the person must submit the plans and specifications not later than the fifth business day after each date the plans and specifications are issued. Failure to comply results in a fee or administrative penalty.

**DIGEST:** HB 1055 amend Government Code, ch. 469 to require an architect, designer, or engineer responsible for the design of construction or renovation of a facility to make it accessible and functional for persons with disabilities to submit the plans no later than the 20th day after issuance. If issued on more than one date, the person would submit the plans no later than the 20th day after each issue date.  
  
The bill would take effect September 1, 2009, and would apply to plans and specifications issued on or after the effective date.