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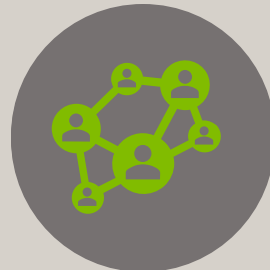
# Today's Agenda



Threats to Landscape  
Architecture



Legislative Update



Uniform Standard  
Updates



CLARB Certification



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# National Legislative Update



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# *Licensure threats averted in SC & VA*

## **Proactivity is Essential**

- Chapters acted quickly to respond, build coalitions, and gain legislative allies

## **South Carolina**

- Bill will fail in committee

## **Virginia**

- Bill has failed



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# New Hampshire

“For some reason, we license the person who plants rosebushes in your front yard. Not anymore” – Governor Sununu referring to landscape architects



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Op-eds



Testimony



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Profession's Response



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A bill pending in the New Hampshire Legislature would remove the licensing requirement for landscape architects ...See more



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**Licensing for landscape architects is a matter of...** [Learn more](#)

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"If a **small business owner** needs a license to do their job or operate their **business** in their current state — **New Hampshire will recognize their license here** [[unless you're a Landscape Architect](#)], incentivizing working professionals across the nation to move to New Hampshire." -- Governor Sununu (2/14/2023 Budget Proposal Address)

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As proposed, HB 2 will have the following **consequences**:

1. No new New Hampshire Landscape Architecture firms
2. New Hampshire's homegrown talent studying Landscape Architecture, permanently leaving New Hampshire
3. New Hampshire Landscape Architects unable to compete for local, state, & federal design projects
4. Increased risks to public health & safety due to malpractice by unqualified individuals

To avoid these consequences:

**Support & Maintain Licensure for Landscape Architects!**

(Delete Section 417 from HB 2)

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### Oppose the Deregulation of Landscape Architects (HB 2)!

"[F]or some reason we license the person who plants a rosebush in your front yard."

- Governor Sununu (2023 Budget Proposal Speech)

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#### Landscape Architecture Facts

Like architects and engineers, **Landscape Architects** are **licensed in all 50 States and the District of Columbia** to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

**Landscape Architects** protect public health, safety, and welfare through the purposeful design of public and private spaces (NH examples below) that provide economic, social, and environmental benefits for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

# Landscape architects don't plant rose bushes

GOVERNOR CHRIS SUNUNU recently announced that his administration plans to eliminate licensing requirements for more than 30 professions, including landscape architects. Despite the governor's remark during his 2023 budget address, don't be fooled to think landscape architects plant rose bushes. Eliminating licensure for landscape architects is a drastic step that endangers public safety.



**Jennifer Martel**

How, you might ask? Let's pause for a moment to clarify what landscape architects do.

chitects who specialize in mixed use transportation meaning that they focus on supporting all of

the ways people move through their communities whether that's by car, bike or by foot. The Route 101 extension and redevelopment in Bedford was informed by landscape architects who, in addition to improving pedestrian safety also advanced traffic calming measures like tree-lined streets and worked to minimize the impact of

the project on surrounding wetlands and make them an integral part of the natural features of the

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A photograph of the Utah State Capitol building, a grand neoclassical structure with a prominent central dome and a wide portico supported by many columns. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there is a well-maintained lawn with some green shrubs and a paved walkway. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

# Utah

Threat to repeal licensing board postponed

Prospect of merging boards with the architects



Meet regularly



Expand agenda items



Be proactive and engaged



Challenge orthodoxy of status quo

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Board Best Practices



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# North Dakota

Expanding joint board to add a landscape  
architects and public member

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# Illinois

Letter in support of continuing education requirements in licensure



# *Landscape Architecture Sunset Renewal Bills*

**Oklahoma**

**Maryland**



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# *Small Business Legislation*

- **District of Columbia**
  - Professional Service Tax
- **Mississippi**
  - Multi-disciplinary Joint Ownership



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*Uniform Standard Alignment*



- **Wyoming**
- **North and South Dakota**
- **North Carolina**





# What is the “Uniform Standard”?

The CLARB Uniform Licensure Standard for Landscape Architecture is a policy guidance document established and adopted by the CLARB membership to outline detailed **model requirements** for education, experience, and examination to be eligible for licensure as a landscape architect.



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# Why a Uniform Standard?

1

Achieve consistent licensure requirements across jurisdictions

2

Improve the landscape architecture mobility model

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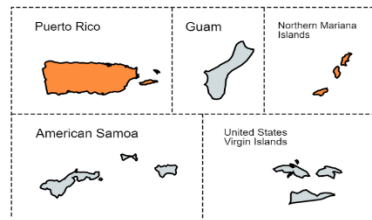
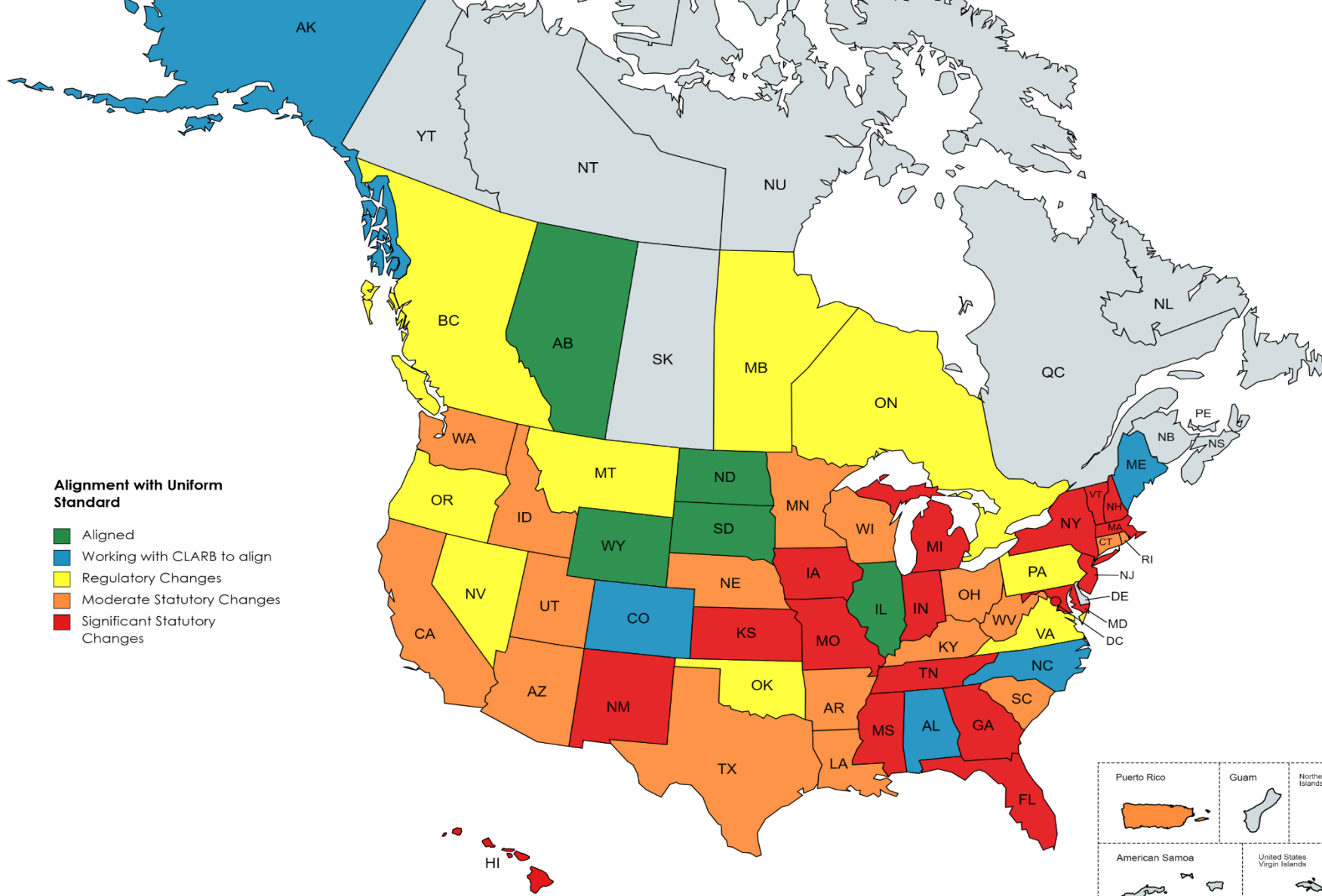
Provide for increased equity to promote diversity

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Increase defensibility of licensure requirements



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# Wyoming Passes Uniform Standard Bill

- Signed by Governor Mark Gordon on 2/27/23
- Allows for alternative education and experience set by CLARB
- First legislation to adopt Uniform Standard
- Joint effort with NCARB



# North Carolina Advisory Council

Reach out to allied professions

Attendance at NCASLA Ex Committee

Demographic data

Reach out to chairs of allied professions

Continued engagement NCASLA



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# Latest Jurisdictions

## Alabama

- Kicked off at 3/7/23 meeting
- Statutory and regulatory changes
- Next steps

## Maine

- Regulatory changes only
- Board approved changes
- Review and comment period



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# North and South Dakota

Both jurisdictions adopted CLARB  
Certification standards whole cloth

No changes required

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> jurisdictions to align



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# Updated CLARB Certification Standard





# CLARB Certification Update

## What's changed?

- Aligned with Uniform Standard
- CLARB's recommendation for initial and reciprocal licenses
- Expanded pathways for Certification

## What's next?

- Over 12 months CLARB will review Council Record Holders
- CLARB staff will issue Certification to Record Holders who meet the requirements
- Council records will be updated

# Education and Experience Alternatives

DEGREE	YEARS OF EDUCATION ACHIEVED	EXPERIENCE	YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED	TOTAL
LAAB or LAAC Accredited Bachelor or Master of Landscape Architecture	6		2	8
Non-Accredited Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	4		4	8
2-Year Non-Accredited Master of Landscape Architecture	2		6	8
2-Year Certificate of Landscape Architecture	2		6	8
Other Bachelor Degree	2		6	8
Other 2-Year Master Degree	1		7	8
2-Year Associate Degree	1		7	8
2-Year Certificate	1		7	8
No Secondary Degree	0		8	8

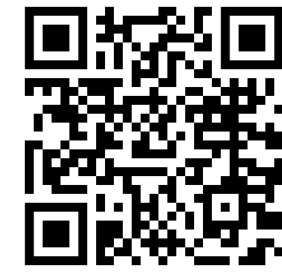


**Licensure defense  
requires landscape  
architects to  
proactively develop  
support in state  
legislatures**

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## State Advocacy Days

- Strong relationships = champions of licensure
- Educate on the importance of Licensure and position the profession to lead on *climate change and biodiversity*

## Site Tour Season

- For elected officials, seeing is believing
- Demonstrate contributions to HSW



# Upcoming Events

April #WLAM

- 1st, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 18th, 24th, 28th will have themes relevant to licensure

4/19 ARPL Partner Webinar for all members

6/21 ASLA/CLARB Half-day Virtual Licensure Summit for Chapter & Board Leaders



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# Questions

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