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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		\$1,200		\$1,200
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		\$1,200		\$1,200

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 38 amends the Geologist Regulation Act. It provides clarification on the definition and requirements of a professional geologist and the requirements to professionally practice geology in the state of Nebraska. It provides clear language regarding the make-up of the State of Nebraska Board of Geologists. It adds behavior prohibited by the act. It provides a timeline for the hearing process under the act. It clarifies eligibility requirements for application, testing, licensure and re-examination.

The Board of Geologists does not anticipate an increase in cost with these changes. However, they do anticipate a small increase in revenue due to the additional licensure pathway.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 38	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Board of Geologists	
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COMMENTS: The Board of Geologist's assessment of fiscal impact from LB 38, appears reasonable.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Board of Geologists

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,200</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The Board of Geologists does not anticipate any significant increase or decrease in expenditures. The added authority to allow the Board to charge an additional fee to cover administrative costs related to applications will allow the Board to pass that cost onto the license or applicant if it so chooses. Currently, the Board is paying those costs. Even though the Board intends to add additional applications to its online processing system, due to a change in vendors and lower processing costs, it does not anticipate any significant change in the expense.

The Board does anticipate an increase in revenue due to adding an additional licensure pathway for individuals working in an exempted field wishing to be licensed. While it is difficult to estimate the number that will take advantage of the new pathway, the Board is projecting 5-10 applications in FY 2025-26 and the same for FY 2026-27.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____