

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2013-14		FY 2014-15	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 91 amends Nebraska statutes dealing with the Board of Geologists.

The bill changes the membership requirements for the education member of the board. Currently the education member is to be a representative of the professional faculty of the geology departments, including the Conservation and Survey Division, within the University of Nebraska. New language provides that the education member shall be a member of the faculty of the geology or related geoscience department of a college or university located in Nebraska.

LB 91 adds new language regarding the application for license renewals; adds language regarding the distribution of civil penalties collected under these statutes; adds the teaching of advanced subjects in geology to the criteria for satisfactory evidence of qualification for licensure; and that the geology examination may be given to someone who has substantially completed their educational requirements.

The bill also provides for reciprocal licensure of a professional geologist by experience. The minimal requirements may be waived by the board if the applicant has a current license in another state, has maintained such licensure for a minimum of fifteen years and has practiced geology for at least fifteen years in that jurisdiction.

The Board of Geology estimates two additional licensees in FY2013-14 and four additional licensees in FY2014-15.

Additional revenue and costs are expected to be minimal.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 91	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Board of Engineers and Architects	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush		DATE: January 17, 2013	PHONE: 471-4161
COMMENTS: Concur.			

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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the agency's estimate of impact.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 91 FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: (3) Jon Wilbeck Date Prepared: (4) 1/16/2013 Phone: (5) 402-471-3060

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2013-14</u>		<u>FY 2014-15</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	\$70	\$580	\$10	\$1385
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	\$70	\$580	\$10	\$1385

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
	<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

LB 91 adds a provision for reciprocal licensure of a professional geologist by experience. Board revenue is projected to increase because of an estimated two additional licensees in FY 2013-14 and four additional licensees in FY 2014-15. The process to implement the statute change in the rules and regulations would include publication of the Public Rule Hearing in FY 2013-14 and increase operating (postage) costs because of notifications mailed to previous ineligible applicants. Postage costs for mailings in the application and licensing processes would increase slightly with additional applications and license renewals. The hearing would be held the same day as a regularly scheduled meeting to avoid additional

meeting costs. The first applications for licensure by experience are projected to be reviewed by the Board of Geologists at their January 2014 meeting. Professional Geologists licensed by experience in 2014, would need to pay the fee to renew their license for 2015 by December 31, 2014.

Increased revenue is estimated below:

FY 2013-14

2 Reciprocal Application Fees	\$ 100
2 License Fees	<u>\$ 480</u>
Additional Revenue FY 2013-14	\$ 580

FY 2014-15

4 Reciprocal Application Fees	\$ 200
4 License Fees	\$ 960
3 Additional Lic. Renewal Fees	<u>\$ 225</u>
Additional Revenue FY 2014-15	\$1,385

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	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Explanation of Estimate:

NO FISCAL IMPACT

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

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TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____