

SB 43 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Carrier: Sen. Riley

Action Date: 02/12/19
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Girod, Hass, Riley
Exc: 1 - Olsen
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 1/24, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners to establish or approve continuing education requirements for registered geologists. Limits continuing education to no more than eight hours per year. Requires demonstration of compliance with continuing education requirements prior to renewal.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the board and statutory authority to require continuing education
- Electronic delivery of continuing education
- Reasonable requirements for continuing education

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Limits continuing education to no more than eight hours per year.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners regulates the practice of geology in Oregon. Registered geologists locate, describe, and evaluate geologic resources and features and advise on the extraction of natural resources and remedies for geological hazards.

An applicant seeking to become a registered geologist must demonstrate the completion of specified geological coursework, three years of geological work experience, and passage of a national exam. Registration must be renewed annually. Current statute does not require the completion of continuing education prior to renewal. Senate Bill 43-A allows the board to establish continuing education requirements registered geologists must meet prior to renewal.