

SB 43 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Fahey

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 04/22/19

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Barreto, Boles, Bonham, Boshart Davis, Bynum, Clem, Doherty, Evans, Fahey

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Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/15, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Continuing education requirements in other licensing programs in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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.