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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 620** HLS 24RS 733
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: License application & renewal fees	

LICENSING OR INCREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides with respect to geoscientist license fees

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases the fees for applications and license renewals for geoscientists and geoscientists-in-training. The bill also provides for increases in additional fees relating to licensure including late renewals, temporary licenses, duplicate licenses, and verification of licenses.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$222,650
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$44,530	\$222,650

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase agency self-generated revenues for the Board by \$44,530 annually, depending on the number of transactions per year and when the fee increases go into effect. A Board official indicated, based on fiscal year 2023 data, the fee changes may increase Board revenue by \$44,530 annually, depending on the number of applications, renewals, and other transactions per year and when the fee increases go into effect. The Board was established in 2014 and indicated licensing fees have never been increased and the increase in fees is needed to offset effects of inflation. Below is a summary of how each fee increase contributes to the overall revenue increase:

Geoscientists In-Training Fees	Revenue Increase	Calculation
Application/initial licensing	\$ 450	18 applications x \$25 fee increase
Annual renewal	\$ 200	8 renewals x \$25 fee increase

Geoscientists Fees	Revenue Increase	Calculation
Application/initial licensing	\$ 2,250	45 applications x \$50 fee increase
Annual license renewal	\$ 26,000	520 renewals x \$50 fee increase
Annual license renewal for 60+ years old	\$ 12,400	496 renewals x \$25 fee increase
Late renewal penalty	\$ 2,900	58 penalties x \$50 fee increase
Temporary license (ninety days)	\$ 0	0 licenses x \$50 fee increase
Duplicate wall license certificate	\$ 0	0 certificates x \$10 fee increase
Affidavit of licensure	\$ 0	0 affidavits x \$10 fee increase
Verification of licensure	\$ 330	33 verifications x \$10 fee increase
Insufficient funds	\$ 0	0 charges x \$10 fee increase

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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