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Fiscal Note On: **HB 272** HLS 13RS 915

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Subject: Application fees for the licensure of geoscientists | |

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Provides for an application for licensure fee and licensure renewal fee for professional geoscientists and geoscientists-in-training

Present law provides for the licensure of professional geoscientists and geoscientists-in-training under the Louisiana Professional Geoscience Practice Act. Proposed law retains present law and requires the payment of an application fee for licensure established at the discretion of the board, not to exceed \$200. Prohibits the board from increasing the fee by more than \$30 in a any three-year period. Further requires the payment of renewal of licensure or certification renewal fee established by the board, not to exceed \$100. Prohibits the board from increasing the renewal fee by more than \$20 in any one-year period. A maximum fee for the late renewal shall be established by the board, but shall not exceed three times the normal renewal fee.

| EXPENDITURES | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| REVENUES | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to increase agency self-generated revenues of the Board of Professional Geoscientists by an indeterminable amount. According to the board, approximately 950 geoscientists will apply for licensure and approximately 100 will apply for certification initially. The application fees will be established at the discretion of the board but may not exceed \$200. For illustrative purposes, if the licensure fees are \$200 and certification fees are \$100 in FY 14, the increase in self-generated revenue in FY 14 would be \$200,000. The board cannot increase the fee by more than \$30 in any three-year period. Self-generated revenues would be approximately half this amount in subsequent years, because a majority of funds received will be from renewals, which cannot exceed \$100 annually and cannot increase more than \$20 in any one-year period.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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