Board of Professional Geoscientists Summary of Recommendations - Senate

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Method of Financing	2018-19 Base	2020-21 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$1,143,522	\$1,143,522	\$0	0.0%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$O	\$O	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$1,143,522	\$1,143,522	\$0	0.0%
Federal Funds	\$O	\$O	\$O	0.0%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$O	0.0%
All Funds	\$1,143,522	\$1,143,522	\$0	0.0%

	FY 2019	FY 2021	Biennial	Percent
	Budgeted	Recommended	Change	Change
FTEs	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0%

Historical Funding Levels



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



The bill pattern for this agency (2020-21 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2020-21 biennium.

Section 1

Board of Professional Geoscientists Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate

1. Sunset Review. The Sunset Advisory Commission reviewed the agency in fiscal year 2018. Although Sunset staff found state regulation of geoscientists does not protect the public and recommended abolishing the board, the Sunset Commission voted to continue the current board for six more years, with a shortened Sunset date of September 1, 2025. The commission also adopted 12 new recommendations to remove unnecessary barriers into the geoscience profession and refocus the board's enforcement efforts on complaints that present an actual risk of harm to the public instead of low-risk, administrative violations.

Board of Professional Geoscientists Rider Highlights - Senate

New Riders

2. Sunset Contingency. The Introduced Bill adds a contingency provision for the agency's Sunset review.

Board of Professional Geoscientists Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate

	2020-	2020-21 Biennial Total				
	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2022-23
Agency Exceptional Items - In Agency Priority Order						
1) Administrative Assistant	\$47,751	\$47,751	1.0	No	No	\$47,750
TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations	\$47,751	\$47,751	1.0			\$47,750

Section 5

Board of Professional Geoscientists Appendices - Senate

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Board of Professional Geoscientists Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate, by Strategy -- ALL FUNDS

	2018-19	2020-21	Biennial	%
Strategy/Goal	Base	Recommended	Change	Change
APPLICATION REVIEW A.1.1	\$252,661	\$252,661	\$0	0.0%
TEXAS.GOV A.1.2	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%
INFORMATIONAL SERVICES A.1.3	\$389,360	\$389,360	\$0	0.0%
Total, Goal A, LICENSING	\$692,021	\$692,021	\$ 0	0.0%
ENFORCEMENT B.1.1	\$414,583	\$414,583	\$0	0.0%
Total, Goal B, ENFORCEMENT	\$414,583	\$414,583	\$ 0	0.0%
INDIRECT ADMIN C.1.1	\$23,526	\$23,526	\$0	0.0%
INDIRECT ADMIN C.1.2	\$13,392	\$13,392	\$0	0.0%
Total, Goal C, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$36,918	\$36,918	\$ 0	0.0%
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$1,143,522	\$1,143,522	\$0	0.0%

Board of Professional Geoscientists Summary of Ten Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options - Senate

			Biennial Reduction Amounts						
Priority	ltem	Description/Impact	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Potential Revenue Loss	Reduction as % of Program GR/GR-D Total	Program GR/GR-D Total	Included in Introduced Bill?
1	Reduction of FTE by 1/4 time	According to the agency, the only option would be a reduction in staff as the agency is labor intensive and does not have funding in other areas to make up a 2.5% reduction. Enforcement Coordinator position cut to 3/4 time.	\$28,588	\$28,588	0.2	\$0	25%	\$114,352	Ν
2	Reduction of FTE by 1/4 time	Enforcement Coordinator position cut to 1/2 time.	\$28,576	\$28,576	0.2	\$0	25%	\$114,352	N
3	Reduction of FTE by 1/4 time	Enforcement Coordinator position cut to 1/4 time.	\$28,592	\$28,592	0.3	\$0	25%	\$114,352	Ν
4	Reduction of FTE by $1/4$ time	Enforcement Coordinator position eliminated.	\$28,596	\$28,596	0.3	\$0	25%	\$114,352	N

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