

I am writing in support of SB-44.

This bill has two parts, the first is a housekeeping measure to formalize the sharing of administrative staff between two small agencies. This sharing of staff has been used by the Geologists Licensing Board (OSBGE) and Landscape Architects Licensing Board (OSLAB) to conserve financial resources and increase efficiency.

Secondly, this bill seeks to provide the OSBGE with flexibility in rule, to determine the qualifications of an individual supervising the professional experience of a Registered Geologist seeking specialty registration as a Certified Engineering Geologist. Statue currently requires this work experience to be provided by an existing Certified Engineering Geologist. This existing requirement has become a barrier to otherwise-qualified individuals seeking specialty licensure and to Oregon businesses wishing to hire Certified Engineering Geologists as the pool of available Certified Engineering Geologists supervisors cannot support actual demand.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thiessen
Registered Geologist, Certified Engineering Geologist
Former OSBGE Board Member and Chairman

Note: Please use discretion with your personal information in written testimony (i.e., do not add personal information you do not want the public to see). All meeting materials, including your name and any personal information contained in the submitted documents, are posted to the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) and are accessible to all major search engines, including Google, Bing, and Yahoo.