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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am a Houston based geologist with a B.A. (Honors) from Vanderbilt University and M.Sc. in geology from the University of Texas at Austin. I have worked in multiple industries as a geologist including mining, government, and environmental siting and permitting for natural gas. In my opinion, the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists Professional Geoscientist licensure is a duplicative, time consuming, and expensive requirement. As I previously mentioned, I have earned two degrees in my field which included extensive fundamental coursework, in addition to almost 5 years of original research. During those years pursuing my degree, I was under the impression that this would be my road to "certification" as a geologist, and any future on the job experience would be my continuing education in the modern practice of geology. Given that the majority of currently licensed geologists were grandfathered into the program, and that the state has never received a complaint regarding geological practice having a negative effect on public health and safety, it seems that those same geologists would be completing the same high quality geological work even without a P.G. license. In addition to this, the expense and time required to gain and maintain a P.G. license is exorbitant. Given the amount of money the State of Texas would save if the TBPG were abolished, and the duplicative nature of P.G. certification, it seems a responsible course of action to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: In my opinion, if the TBPG is not abolished, the test should be refined based on desired employment. It seems that the exam is too expansive. Why is there an ore deposit geology section on the exam when mining geologists are specifically exempted from the licensure?

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree