2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 190 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Fees for prospect and geothermal wells
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Department of Environmental Quality and Water Resources Department
PREPARED BY: Dawn Farr
REVIEWED BY: Paul Siebert
DATE: April 27, 2009

	2009-2011	2011-2013
EXPENDITURES:		
See Comments.		
REVENUES:		
Department of Geology and Mineral Industries:		
Permit Fees – Other Funds	$ 78,000	$ 78,000

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage, effective July 1, 2009.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill modifies fees paid to the Department of Geology and Mineral (DOGAMI) Industries for prospect and geothermal wells; revises public comment and permit issuance deadlines; and directs governing board of DOGAMI to adopt rules necessary to implement the bill.

DOGAMI estimates receiving additional Other Funds revenues of $78,000 for the next two biennia as a result of the fees established by the bill. The bulk of anticipated revenues, $68,000 is for geothermal wells which have shown increased activity in recent months. DOGAMI's Policy Option Package 106 in the Governor's recommended budget includes the revenues anticipated by this bill, and recommends expenditures of $66,381 to fund an additional Office Assistance I position (0.67 FTE) to provide administrative support to permit processing.

The Department of Environmental Quality and Water Resources Department anticipate no fiscal impact on their agency as a result of the bill.