

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/19/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 06/19

Vote:

Senate

Yeas: 10 - Burdick, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Whitsett

Nays: 1 - Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Winters

House

Yeas: 12 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Whitsett, Williamson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure makes changes to ORS 517.800, increasing the statutory limits on fees related to mining operations regulated by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. The measure requires all revenues from these fees be deposited into the Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation Program Subaccount. The Department is directed to report to the governing board annually on the financial status of the subaccount.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The statutory limits on fees related to mining operations have not been increased in 10 years. During that time, the expenditures of the Mined Land Reclamation and Regulation program (MLRR) within the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries have exceeded revenues. The fees proposed in this measure are a first step toward making the MLRR program a completely self-supporting program as intended by the Legislature. The DOGAMI budget within SB 5512, assumes passage of this fee increase.