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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE, H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification to, and request Legislative approval from the Joint Committee on Ways and Means regarding a federal grant application the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) would like to submit to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a grant relating to a National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) in the amount of \$388,379. The official funding opportunity announcement will not be posted until early May 2017 and the final grant proposal is due to the NOAA by May 26, 2017.

This federal grant funding is to provide support for maintenance of coastal outreach to residents and visitors so they can be fully prepared for and resilient to Cascadia tsunamis. This work will include maintenance of the Oregon tsunami clearinghouse; implementation of 'Tsunami Safe' within the hospitality industry; 'Beat the Wave' tsunami evacuation speed and route modeling in Southbeach (Newport), Lincoln County; development of a guidance document to assist communities with the implementation of tsunami drills; and support for holding community-wide evacuation drills among many other outreach efforts. Under the proposal, DOGAMI and Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) will work in partnership to provide the leadership and strategic support for building a resilient Oregon coast and to maintain local outreach programs, coordinate mitigation actions and provide a central repository for tsunami mitigation information.

This grant opportunity supports DOGAMI's mission and goals to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous. There is no state general fund match requirement for this grant proposal.

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Action Requested

DOGAMI requests approval from the Joint Ways and Means Committee to apply for the 2017 NTHMP grant to NOAA. DOGAMI will need to request an increase in federal fund limitation and possibly 1 limited duration full-time position if funding is awarded.

Legislation Affected

No legislation is affected with this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 971-673-1550.

Sincerely,



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Director

cc: Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Officer
George Naughton, Chief Financial Officer
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Cathleen Connolly, Chief Financial Office