

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 3 - MRA**

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**Measure Description:**

Modifies area where moratorium on mining using motorized equipment applies.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:** See Analysis

<b>Summary of Revenue Impact: Department of Environmental Quality</b>		
	<b>2017-19 Biennium</b>	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>
Other Funds	100,200	154,200
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$100,200</b>	<b>\$154,200</b>

**Analysis:**

SB 3-MR11 repeals the moratorium on motorized in-stream placer mining as established in section 2, chapter 783, Oregon Laws 2013. The bill places a cap on the number of motorized in-stream placer mining permits to 200 applicants per year, and increases annual permitting fees from \$25 to \$250 per year. Additionally, the bill institutes a \$250 per applicant fee for the general permit renewal, which occurs every 5 years.

DEQ has indicated that it anticipates an increase in applications for motorized in-stream placer mining to levels achieved in 2015, prior to the moratorium taking affect (216 applicants). As a result, it is estimated that DEQ will receive a net increase in fee revenue of \$100,200 for the 2017-19 biennium, and \$154,200 for the 2019-21 biennium.

DEQ has also indicated that current resource levels only allow for 0.30 FTE to operate this permit. DEQ has indicated that to ensure proper permit oversight, an additional position (1.00 FTE) would be required. The new position would be classified as a Natural Resource Specialist 2, and is estimated to have an expenditure impact on the Department of \$238,150 per biennia. Given the small amount of Other Funds revenue generated by the \$250 fee, it is assumed that the cost for this additional FTE would be split between the General Fund and Other Funds.

The bill is expected to have no fiscal impact on the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.