

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Strategic Direction Report**

On February 5th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Office of the Governor on the strategic direction of the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

The report is the result of financial management issues that have plagued the Department and resulted in a one-year budget for the 2019-21 biennium.

The Governor's report outlined improvements the Department has made in financial management, and some possible options that were considered for the strategic direction of DOGAMI. These options included moving the entire agency, or its individual programs, into either another natural resource agency or to a university.

The Governor's Office conclusion is to provide DOGAMI with a second year of funding, with further assessment of agency operations and a reevaluation of possible options during development of the 2021-23 Governor's Recommended Budget.

The second-year funding proposal includes \$3.1 million General Fund with a new management position in the Geologic Survey program and a fee increase to the Mined Land Regulation program.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.