

In regards to HB 5010 it is unclear to me as to how the budget proposal was determined,. The committee needs clarify prior to budget allocations are finalized the decision making criteria in eliminating an functional organization.

My first questions is whether or not this subcommittee is in agreement to the following descriptions and statements from the referenced documents:

LFO 2021-23 Budget Review (Terpening)

KPM https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR_DOGAMI_2020-09-30.pdf ?

Secondarily does the committee believe that these tasks and deliverables are still pertinent to the health and safety to all Oregonian in 2021 and into the foreseeable future?

Referencing the LFO 2021-23 Budget Review (bold emphasis is mine):

Program Description

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (**DOGAMI**) is the state's primary source of **geoscientific information**. DOGAMI has two program areas, the Geologic Survey and Services (GS&S) Program and the Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation (MLRR) Program.

The GS&S Program gathers geoscientific data and maps mineral resources and hazards. Geographic areas needing tsunami hazard mapping, landslide hazards studies, flooding hazards studies, and traditional geologic mapping have been prioritized by the agency. The information is shared with state and local policymakers for land use planning, facility siting, building code and zoning changes, and emergency planning.

Referencing The KPM document in regards to **GS&S performance (actual to plan)**

KPM 1 PERFORMANCE 108%

HAZARD AND RISK ASSESSMENT COMPLETION - Percent of population residing in Oregon Urban Growth Boundary Areas (UGBs) that have completed geologic hazard and risk assessments that are suitable to initiate Department of Land Conservation and Development go

KPM 2 PERFORMANCE 98%

DETAILED GEOLOGIC MAP COMPLETION - Percent of Oregon where geologic data in the form of high resolution maps have been completed to be used for local problem solving.

KPM 3 PERFORMANCE 107%

LIDAR DATA COMPLETION - Percent of Oregon (sq. miles) with lidar data at USGS quality level 2 or better.

KPM 4 (MLRR NOT GS&S RESPONSIBILITY) PERFORMANCE 11%

PERCENT OF MINE SITES INSPECTED BIENNIALLY - Percent of permitted mine sites inspected biennially.

KPM 5 PERFORMANCE aggregate 90%

CUSTOMER SERVICE - Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with the agency's customer service as "good" or "excellent": overall customer service, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, expertise and availability of information.

KPM 6 PERFORMANCE 100%

GOVERNANCE - Percent of yes responses by Governing Board members to the set of best practices.

What is perplexing to me is the proposed budget eliminates the organization within one fiscal year **without making a case that any of the following is true:**

- the government has assessed that all assigned tasks are complete.
- the organization has failed to execute its charter
- the organization failed meeting the KPM criteria

None of which seems to be the case. In fact the organization actually needs to have increased funding to complete tasks at hand that are critical for use in avoiding severe and avoidable risks to the health and safety of Oregonians.

What is evident is that there is a funding problem that needs to be addressed:

- historical missteps in budgeting
- lack of consistent funding from General funds
- undervaluing the cost and value of services and deliverable

The proposal as it stands to disband the organization and reallocate resources within a calendar year is of grave concern. Fundamentals of management are being ignored in a hasty compliance to meet an arbitrary budget goal.

- there is **no** indication that the demands for services will reduced.. In fact with population increase and pressures to exploit natural resources the demand for scientific data will increase.
- effectively mothballing data access and distribution systems by removing resources while expecting continued performance is naive.
- dropping resources below critical mass and dismissing experienced personnel is to define FAILURE. This failure at this juncture will ripple through all the Emergency and Preparedness efforts if there is a lack of timely scientific data available.
- critical loss of Federal Funding source of revenue by lack of resources- a source that is crucial to DOGAMI functioning.

Therefore I suggest.

- Adequately recognize the value to the Health and Safety of future Oregonians by keeping the DOGAMI organization intact.
- Adequately fund the organization for the biennium through the General fund
- establish adequate fees to all customers for services rendered (state,local, NGO, commercial and private)
- create subscription services for web based access.

To me,

- the decision to remove DOGAMI is not substantiated by facts.
- The plan to move from 38 FTE to 7 that are then absorbed into another organization ignores the reality that internal priorities of the new organization will take precedent over existing tasks
- The basic science is critical to the health and safety of Oregonians and to ignore that responsibility to our future borders on malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance- None of which are admirable legacies.