

SB 220 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes an Electronic Permitting System Development Subaccount for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to develop a modern, online electronic permitting system that allows the department to electronically manage customer relationships, issue permits, and receive applications and fees. Requires payment of an additional 25 percent surcharge on certain assessments, which is credited to the subaccount. Sunsets the surcharge on January 2, 2028. Sunsets the subaccount on June 30, 2031. Transfers any unobligated subaccount balance following repeal to the Electronic Permitting System Subaccount should Senate Bill 221 be enacted, or otherwise to the Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation Program Subaccount.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) is responsible for issuing permits related to mineral exploration, surface mining operations, mining aggregate on high-value farmland, emergency or temporary mining operations, and drilling or using wells to extract oil, gas, or geothermal resources.

Senate Bill 220 would establish an Electronic Permitting System Development Subaccount for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to develop a modern, online electronic permitting system, funded by a 25 percent surcharge on certain assessments.