

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Critical Minerals in Mine Waste

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Dembrow

On April 3rd, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$304,000 to assess the potential for critical minerals in mine waste.

This is the second federal funding opportunity from the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative this year. The Department previously received approval to apply for a grant to map and assess the potential for critical mineral resources in Malheur County. This second opportunity builds on the initial work and aims to evaluate the potential for critical minerals in mine waste. There is no state match requirement and the Department will not need additional position authority.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.