

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **SB 836**

### **Relating to fees imposed by the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries**

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

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SB 836 increases various fees that support the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries' Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program. The fee changes are effective January 1, 2026.

The Department's budget bill, HB 5010, assumes passage of SB 836 and includes \$3.1 million in estimated Other Funds revenue for the 2025-27 biennium.

Revenue received supports Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program operations, including permit processing and regulatory compliance. The estimated ending fund balance for the program is \$1.3 million, which is equivalent to approximately four months of operating expenses.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 836 be reported out to pass.