

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5010

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Levy

HB 5010 is the budget bill for the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is the state's primary source of geoscientific information and regulation. The Subcommittee recommends a budget for the Department totaling nearly \$36.7 million and supporting 50 positions. This amount includes approximately \$10.7 million General Fund, \$20.1 million Other Funds, and \$6 million Federal Funds.

The Subcommittee recommends five adjustments to support geological carbon sequestration research and projects, completion of the ePermitting project to provide a paperless permitting and online customer interface, and increased staffing to address permit backlogs and increase site inspections for compliance in the Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program.

Additionally, two budget notes were approved requiring the Department to report on the ePermitting project and the permit backlog and implementation status of the process audit recommendations.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5010 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.