

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	McKeown
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates oregonite and josephinite as official twin minerals of State of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon would be 23 state to designate a state mineral; and the first state with twin minerals
- Origin of oregonite and josephinite
- Middle school class proposed designation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregonite is a nickel iron arsenide mineral, composed of 17.3 percent iron, 36.3 percent nickel and 46.4 percent arsenic. Josephinite is a nickel iron mineral, composed of 27.6 percent iron and 72.4 percent nickel. Both oregonite and josephinite are typically in a serpentine rock environment and erode into stream beds. Oregonite is named for the State of Oregon and josephinite is named for Josephine County. Neither oregonite nor josephinite are unique to Oregon, but they are found on a limited basis elsewhere on earth and are not known to exist in any other state. Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 designates oregonite and josephinite as the official twin minerals of the State of Oregon.