

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires person seeking operating permit for surface mining to submit statement prepared by local government planning official with jurisdiction over proposed site to Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. Describes statement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (Proposed -2 Amendment) Stipulates preparation of statement does not constitute appeal able decision. Describes statement.

BACKGROUND: In Oregon the eligibility for a parcel of land to be mined rests with land-use authority, most commonly a county. The land-use authority establishes the secondary beneficial use to which the land must be reclaimed. The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries - Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation permit has two main functions. It insures that when mining occurs, off-site impacts are minimized and the site is mined in a way that guarantees the reclamation will be completed. To obtain a permit, a company or individual submits an application that contains a mine plan, a reclamation plan, appropriate baseline information characterizing the existing environment, and an application fee.