

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact (-4)**FISCAL: No fiscal impact (-4)****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/30, 4/20

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 -4 Amendment) Replaces measure. Requires Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to provide notice to local jurisdiction and opportunity for local jurisdiction to request DOGAMI to delay decision on operating permit and reclamation plan. Requires DOGAMI to give local jurisdiction notice and opportunity to provide comments prior to issuing operating permit and reclamation plan if they do not request delay. Requires DOGAMI to give certain information about proposed operating permit and reclamation plan to local jurisdiction. Applies to operating permits applied for on or after effective date of Act.

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.